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# IBM, HP Boost Small System Options

# HP Adds at Both Ends

By Jeffry Beeler

CW Staff
PALO ALTO, Calif. — - Two systems - one a high-end offering with expanded processing power, the second a low-end introduction with a data base management capability - have joined the Hewlett-Packard Co. family of small business computers.

The high-end system, dubbed the HP 3000 Series III, reportedly provides twice the throughput of the existing Series II and up to eight times the performance of the Series I.

The low-end addition, designated the HP 250, represents the only small business system in its price class with a data base manager, HP officials claimed. It provides three software modules said to simplify data access,

# Big Apple User **Scissors Times** For 370 Sorts

By Don Leavitt

CW Staff
NEW YORK - The time needed to sort data for management information system-type summaries has been cut to ribbons by a manufacturing firm

Running on an IBM 370/135, internally developed software has cut one job, for example, from 150 minutes with traditional sorts to "less than four minutes," according to the developer. The techniques used are a "major breakthrough" in sorting techniques, he believes, but he wants peer review to confirm or refute his opinion.

George Warner, programmer at Aberdeen Manufacturing Co., readily admitted his Software Optimization for the Retrieval of Data (Sword) can't replace conventional disk sorts for handling high-volume files when the desired end result is a detail printing of all entries in the file. But the coreresident table-driven Sword is "probably unbeatable" at sorting and collaps-ing detail records into management information system-style summaries, according to Warner, who seems to have performance statistics to prove his

Sword's sort-and-combine service module sorts central memory tables technically, it's a matrix inversion, Warner commented - on the Model 135 at a typical rate of 1,400 entry/sec. "Note that is a 'per second' rate, not 'per minute,' " he interjected.

A table of 1,000 50-byte entries is sequenced in the using program's table area in .7 second using the 4K Sword module and an 8K-byte (eight bytes (Continued on Page 4)

manipulation and presentation.

At the same time, HP also enhanced its 3000 systems line with the introduction of its first three applications packages for manufacturers.

## Improved Performance

HP officials partly attributed the Series III's improved performance to the system's main memory, which expands from 256K to 2M bytes - quadruple the capacity of the previous 3000 sys-

also credited the increased throughput to the system's MPE-III operating software, an enhanced derivative of MPE-I and MPE-II. Upwardly compatible from those previous operating systems, MPE-III provides multipoint terminal support, private-volume disk files and other features usually associated only with mainframe systems, the officials said.

Intended primarily for on-line transaction processing applications, the Series III belongs in the same performance class as the low-end IB!\*\*370 systems and "superminis" like the Digital Equipment Corp. PDP-11/70, Data General Corp. M/600 and Prime Computer, Inc. Model 500, according

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# • Series/1 Gets Cobol

CW Staff ATLANTA — Cobol, additional distributed data processing (DDP) capabilities and a doubled main memory capacity are now available to Series/1 users following an IBM announcement of 12 hardware and software enhancements to that system.

Among the DDP-extending enhancements introduced last week were the Channel Attachment Feature No. 1200, which IBM said links the Series/1 storage units to those of both the Series 30 and all 370 systems larger than the Model 125.

With the addition of Cobol, Series/1 users for the first time can run programs in a language that provides upward compatibility with the 370 line's OS/VS Cobol compiler and Library

Release 2, according to IBM officials.
The attachment feature, meanwhile, reportedly represents the first direct channel link between the Series/1 and IBM's largest mainframes and spares users from having to run communications lines between the small and large

Among its other Series/1 enhancements, IBM announced an additional processor with a basic storage capacity

of 64K bytes; the previous minimum Series/1 was 32K bytes.

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# Other Enhancements

The remaining hardware enhancements to the system include a disk subsystem with five times more storage capacity per spindle than its Series/1 predecessors; a diskette magazine with space for up to 23 recording media; and a two-channel switch for I/O units shared by dual Series/1 processors.

On the software side, the remaining enhancements include a channel attach program that permits data transfer between Series/1 and 370 series applications programs; a Structured Programming Facility (SPF) that aids program development and modification; a sort/merge program that arranges up to eight files in ascending or descend-ing order; enhanced versions 3 and 4 of the Real-Time Programming System plus an enhanced Version 3 of the Program Preparation Subsystem; an enhanced Fortran IV Real-Time Sub-routine Library Version 2; and additional support for the Programmable Communications Subsystem.
With the addition of Cobol, IBM has

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# Analyst Salaries at All-Time High

By Ann Dooley

CW Staff
CLEVELAND — Systems analysts' salaries were at an all-time high last year, amounting to more than twice the average salaries of all nonsupervisory, private-industry workers except farmers, a recent Association for Systems Management (ASM) survey reported.

The median salary for a systems analyst was \$24,786; 26% of those surveyed earned \$30,000 or more. The average starting salary was approximately \$18,000, the survey found.

In compiling the survey data, the ASM defined "systems analyst" more broadly than the computer industry commonly does. In addition to performing the DP function, systems analysts review the information and operational flows within an organization as a basis for service to management, according to the ASM definition.

The 1977 ASM survey, one of a series that has measured the growth trends of the profession over the last two decades, found the systems analyst earning \$30,000 or more generally works in a manufacturing firm located in the northeastern or western part of the country and supervises a large group of workers. He has at least 15 years' experience in addition to an ad-

vanced degree and is more than 50 years old.

# **Big Earners Double**

The number of systems analysts earning \$26,000 or more in 1974 doubled in 1977, although salaries of that amount were virtually nonexistent in 1959, according to past ASM survey results. In 1977, however, nearly 90% of the respondents earned at least

\$18,000, almost 66% earned \$23,000 or more and 26% earned \$30,000 or more annually.

The median salary for systems analysts has risen steadily since 1959, when it reached only \$9,786. In 1965, the median salary was \$11,946; in 1969, it was \$15,435; in 1971, \$16,739; and in 1974, \$18,749.

Survey results indicated a steady (Continued on Page 8)

# Job Outlook Bright

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The DP job outlook for new college graduates is excellent, according to a U.S. Department of Labor bulletin that listed large numbers of job openings entered by employers at the 2,500 Job Service offices in the U.S.

Openings for sytsems analysts to-taled 739 from January through March with 550 jobs unfilled at the end of that period. The jobs were in the business, manufacturing and human resources areas and the salaries offered ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Programmer openings numbered 2,367; 1,880 remained unfilled at the end of March. Those openings

were in the business, manufacturing, education, transportation, government and insurance sectors. Salaries offered were from \$9,051 to \$18,833.

Operator opportunities amounted to 1,083 and 593 remained to be filled by the end of the period. Opportunities were in business, banking, government and education and salaries ranged from \$6,151 to \$11,425.

Keypunch operators had 2,427 positions available, with 1,354 still left to be filled by the end of March. Employers in business, government and insurance offered \$5,755 to \$8.984.

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# Not Waiting for Report

# OMB Gets Jump on DP Revamp

**By Edith Holmes** 

CW Washington Bureau GAITHERSBURG, Md. - The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has taken steps to improve federal management of DP and telecommunications technology without waiting for the final recommendations of the federal DP reorganization project, Walter W. Haase, deputy associate director for information systems policy at the agency, said here recently.

Stating that "it will still be several months before the full impact of the data processing reorganization effort can be assessed," Haase added that most of the moves being made by the Carter Administration are in line with the findings and conclusions of the reorganization project.

The OMB official suggested that the project to reorganize federal DP is but one broad attempt to acquire an independent assessment of the directions in which the organization and management of government computer operations should move.

# Actions Already Taken

A number of "very specific" actions have been initiated by the agency in the meantime, however. These measures include the issuance of guidelines to govern the use of personal data files by federal agencies to detect fraud and abuse, the establishment of a mechanism for sharing ideas with state and local governments on new ways to use information technology and the release of a policy requiring OMB taking actions to change federal DP without waiting for reorganization team reports agencies to establish improved computer security programs, Haase stated at a National Bureau of Standards and an Association for Computing Machinery conference.

OMB has already made "several important changes" to the Fiscal Year 1980 instructions to agencies on how to budget for DP and telecommunications. If DP or telecommunications costs for an agency program exceed either \$1 million or 10% of its total projected expenses, justification for the use of these technologies must be included in the overall rationale for the

This will make the user organization, rather than the central service organization, responsible for justifying data processing and telecommunications resources in terms of their contribution to mission performance," Haase explained.

# Multiyear Appropriations

The agency has also paved the way for multiyear appropriations from Congress for DP and telecommunications by requiring all arms of the executive branch to describe their needs in these areas four years beyond the budget year. All procurements for DP and telecommunications planned for those years that exceed \$1 million must be identified in a list to be presented to the General Services Administration, the key federal procurement agency, and Congress, Haase said.

"This early planning information should serve to more clearly identify acquisitions included in the President's budget, to allow any questions about these acquisitions to be addressed earlier in the planning cycle and to minimize the current last-minute abortions of procurement actions," the OMB official stated.

In still nother move to improve federal DP, OMB has begun drafting a policy that will require agencies to account for the full cost of their DP activities, establish prices to recover these costs from user organizations and allow users the choice of whether to use the services of particular computer installations on the basis of serv-

ice performance and costs, Haase said. OMB will soon release an annotated index of the more than 200 laws, policies and regulations issued by various parts of the federal government regarding the use of DP and telecommunications, he noted.

Finally, the agency is encouraging federal regional DP councils and other interested groups to form a national federation to foster improved communications technology application and policy development.

# Carter Decision Followed

Many of OMB's initiatives have followed President Carter's decision to reorganize the executive office of the president, which includes OMB. Made last year, that decision and the congressional approval that sanctioned it stripped OMB of its operational responsibility to provide computer support to the executive office, directing the agency to focus on governmentwide policies for the use of computer technology, information systems and privacy.

OMB later acquired additional responsibility as the President's principal advisor on procurement and management of federal telecommunications

Meanwhile, the federal DP reorganization project continues to work toward the production of its final recommendations, due to be submitted to the President in September. A team of 10 is busy consolidating the reports recently completed by 10 groups studying such issues as standards, personnel and the process by which the federal government acquires computers, Haase reported.

The consolidated, draft recommendations of the reorganization project should be ready for public comment by the end of June, he added.

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# WARNING

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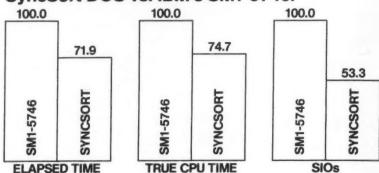
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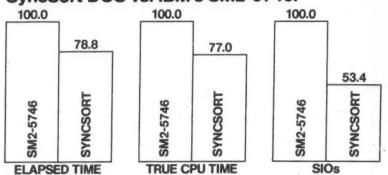
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# Expected to Save \$55 Million

# NBS Offers Three Federal Interface Standards

By Edith Holmes

CW Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Bureau of Standards (NBS) has proposed three computer interface standards it expects will save the federal government more than \$55 million in peripheral equipment for mediumand large-scale systems over the next five years.

Two of the proposed standards — the I/O channel interface and the power

control interface - were revised in response to comments received from the public last year. The third standard the channel-level operational specifications for magnetic tape - is being offered by NBS for the first time.

If these interface standards are adopted by the government, all federal agenices will be required to use them to assure the best price/performance buys in magnetic tape and disk equipment, according to an NBS spokes-

man. NBS, an agency within the Department of Commerce, is also hard at work on a fourth interface standard that will define the operational specifications for magnetic disk equipment. That standard will become a public proposal within the next year, the spokesman said.

If these proposals become Federal Information Processing Standards (Fips), they cannot be waived by individual agencies. Only the Secretary of Commerce can permit an agency to ignore a Fips — and only when its use will cause a major adverse economic or operational impact on the agency, the spokesman stated.

# **Continuous Monitoring**

NBS will continuously monitor the effects these interface standards have on federal agencies and will review the interface's specifications within three years to decide whether technological trends and policy changes dictate that the standards be affirmed, revised or

In an effort to keep tuture tederal interface standards up to the speed of technological innovation, the bureau will invite the computer industry to participate in a joint research associate program, the spokesman said. Under this program, individual companies or trade associations would sponsor technical experts to work at NBS with the bureau's scientists and engineers to develop standards for federal use, he explained.

All three proposed standards incorporate technical specifications prepared by the American National Standards Institute Technical Committee X3T9 and the NBS technical staff.

Anyone interested in obtaining or commenting on one or more of the standards should write to the director, NBS Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology, Washington, D.C. 20234 by Aug. 18.

A public hearing on the standards will be held Aug. 11 at NBS in Gaithersburg, Md. Those interested in testifying at the hearing should contact the institute's director by Aug. 8.

# Report Criticizes Use of DP In Design of Hartford Roof

By Howard A. Karten

CW Staff

HARTFORD, Conn. - The collapse of the Hartford Civic Center's roof last Jan. 18 can be attributed partly to incorrect use of the computer that checked some of the engineering calculations, but not to the computer itself, according to the final report submitted to the City of Hartford by the engineering consultant hired to investigate the disaster.

The report, issued by Lev Zetlin Associates, Inc. of New York, cited incorrect computer modeling as a contributory - though not the sole - cause of the collapse. "The initiating cause of the collapse ... was a design deficiency related directly to inadequate bracing" of roof components, the report stated.

An engineering software system called Structural Design Language (Strudl) was used in performing the calculations for the roof, called a space truss, a kind of three-dimensional truss.

Sources familiar with Strudl, which has been in use for several years, said it is basically accurate and stable, although minor errors are detected in it from time to time

The summary of the final report submitted to the city does not indict Strudl as a cause for the collapse. However, the report stated that "checking and/or reviewing of the space truss contract design documents, computer output

and calculations seems to have been nonexistent.'

# Incomplete Model

One of the areas of computer misuse discussed in the report is the misrepresentation of the structure to the model. "If the computer model had represented the intermediate diagonals and horizontals and had included the roof loads at the midpoint [and] subpanel points at the top chord, the instabilities and primary bending moments would have been detected by the designer," the report said. There was no indication in the report that the misrepresentation was deliberate.

The calculations for the roof design were apparently not double-checked by anyone, although most other major projects constructed in Hartford are subject to such double-checking. It is a general practice within the engineering profession to accept an architectural or civil engineer's calculations as correct without further verification, but some municipalities do require this auditing.

Sources familiar with the investigation into the roof collapse have said that automated design, which uses computers more heavily in designing and doing the engineering for large structures, might have caught some of the design errors and incorrect assumptions in the Hartford roof blueprints. However, automated design was not in wide use when the civic center roof was designed.

# New York User Finds Way To Slash 370/135 Sort Time

(Continued from Page 1) per entry) work area provided by the user, he claimed. However, he added, it is extremely difficult to measure the speed of the system accurately.

The system is extremely flexible, he continued, noting that Sword responds to parameter controls loaded whenevever the system is to be used. Managers can extract summary information on any basis they want as long as keys are available to identify records appropriately, and they can make multiple passes over a file to get data from more than one perspective, he added.

# Two Reasons for Speed

Sword gets its speed two ways, Warner explained. First, it creates 8-byte records identifying the full table entries and uses a paired chain technique to pick up the desired data once the short records are sequenced.

The chaining technique has the net effect of reducing the number of records that have to be moved, since "every other one" goes directly to where it belongs in the final work area, according to Warner.

Secondly, Sword combines data from records with equal keys so the actual sort operation works with a reduced number of pertinent records. In one instance, Warner noted, data on six months of selling at Aberdeen was collapsed from "about half a million" records to 30,000.

# Not for Trivial Jobs

Utilizing binary addition, Sword takes less time to consolidate data from equal-keys records that it needs to move the records in the first place, according to Warner. "And even after you'd moved them, you'd still have to add them togehter for the final summary.

There is some overhead involved in getting Sword ready to do its work, he said, explaining that the system starts by actually creating code required to meet the parameters of any given run. The value of that approach is that the system, once established, goes right through the entire file "without having to look back at the parameters after handling each record.

The setup time isn't much in absolute terms, but is long enough so Warner feels Sword should only be applied to a nontrivial" number of records.

Warner seems at least somewhat unsure of how he can acquire the peer review of his work that he seeks. He was considering giving Sword away as a freebie," but IBM has begun talking to Aberdeen about marketing it as an Installed User Program (IUP), the developer said last week.

At IBM's urging, Aberdeen has applied for coyright protection on Warner's work. Warner was reluctant to say in so many words that he would distribute the code for Sword and instructions on how to use it to anyone interested in seeing it, but he said he'd be glad to hear from anyone who wanted to contact him at Aberdeen's office, 16E. 34th St., New York, N.Y.

# Group Open to Users Of Electronic Mail

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - The U.S. Electronic Mail Association (Usema), a communications technology user organization, is now accepting applications for membership.

Usema's purpose is to provide a forum for the free exchange of communications-oriented information about electronic mail, according to a spokesman.

A fee of \$30 will be charged for membership. Application forms and a copy of the by-laws are available from Usema, c/o The Yankee Group, P.O. Box 43, Harvard Sq., Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

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# Antitrust Commission Ready to Begin Work

By Edith Holmes

CW Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Presidential commission mandated to wrestle with the problems posed by large antitrust cases began its six-month life here at the end of June with the appointment of its last member.

The 22 commissioners met in the White House Rose Garden to receive President Carter's blessing. Ordered into being last December, the antitrust commission must complete its work for the President and Congress by Dec. 21 [CW, Dec. 12].

The first battery of hearings, scheduled for July 11-13, will deal with the difficulties associated with "big cases" such as the U.S. government's antitrust suits against IBM and AT&T. During the next few months,, the commission will also consider the immunities granted under the Sherman and Clayton antitrust laws, the possibilities for structural relief as a solution to concentrations of economic power and attempts to monopolize various industries under the existing antitrust laws.

Chaired by John Shenefield, assistant attorney general of the Justice Department, the commission has among its members five senators — Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.), Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and Robert Morgan (D-N.C.) — and five members of the U.S. House of Representatives: Barbara Jordan (D-Texas), Robert McClory (R-Ill.), Peter W. Rodino Jr. (D-N.J.), John F. Seiberling (D-Ohio) and Charles E. Wiggins (R-Calif.).

Other government employees who will be part of the antitrust panel are Michael Pertschuk, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission; Alfred Kahn, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board; Judge C. Clyde Atkins of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida; and Chauncy Browning, attorney general of West

Seven members of the private bar and academia complete the antitrust commission. They are Maxwell Blecher of California, Craig Spangenberg of Ohio, John Nicholson of the District of Columbia, Gordon Spivack of New York, Jack Izard of Georgia, Prof. Eleanor Fox from New York University, and Prof. Lawrence Sullivan from the law school at the University of California at Berkeley.

# Senate Bill Quiet On Electronic Mail

The U.S. Senate held hearings last week on a bill that would require the U.S. Postal Service to prepare a comprehensive research and development plan by January. Senate Bill 3229 makes no reference to postal initiatives in electronic mail, however.

Sponsored by Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) along with Senators Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) and Adlai E. Stevenson (D-Ill.), the bill differs from its counterpart in the House, which requires that by 1982 the Post Office annually spend at least 1% of its total expenditures on R&D.

S. 3229 doesn't demand that the Postal Service allocate a specific amount of money to research involving electronic mail or anything else, an aide to Glenn said. It only requires that

# Washington Update

R&D monies come out of the federal subsidy to the Postal Service and that Congress receive an annual report on R&D progress.

The House passed its bill, H.R. 7700, in April after reducing the R&D spending requirement from 2% to 1% and deleting all exhortations to the post office to delve into electronic mail. Concern had been expressed by congressmen, the Justice Department and the private sector that the Postal Service could develop electronic mail with

public funds and then exclude competition by invoking the Private Express statutes, which give the post office exclusive rights to deliver "letters" [CW, Feb. 27].

# Waddy Out as Judge Of U.S. vs. AT&T

Judge Joseph C. Waddy found himself relieved of the U.S. government's antitrust case against AT&T recently when a new judge was sworn in at the

U.S. District Court here and a random draw assigned the massive suit to him. Harold H. Greene, formerly chief judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, garnered the AT&T case along with several others shortly after becoming a federal judge.

As a criminal court jurist for Washington, D.C., Greene had a hand in the trial of the Hanafi Muslims charged with taking of hostages and holding three buildings in the city last year.

Waddy has been the judge in the U.S. vs. AT&T case ever since the government filed its complaint against the telephone company in November 1974. In his latest ruling regarding the case, Waddy granted the Justice Department the right to use documents obtained in private suits brought against Ma Bell.

# **Announcing**

# Shadow

# The Quantum Leap In Data Base

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# Police Chief Probed in Sale of Criminal Data

By Brad Schultz

CW Staff

WHEATON, Ill. – A grand jury here is investigating allegations that a former police chief sold confidential criminal histories obtained from the state's computerized criminal information system to a trucking firm for use in screening job applicants.

Donald L. Saccamonto has been accused of using his authority while serving as police chief for Glendale Heights, Ill., to access the state's Law

Enforcement Agencies Data System (Leads) and sell the criminal histories stored there to Riss International of Kansas City, Mo.

Leads is Illinois' centralized file of criminal information; it includes records of criminal histories as well as wanted and missing persons and stolen articles and securities. It is used to access the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

Although Saccamonto, as police chief, could have obtained NCIC histories, there has been no indication that he sold data from that system.

### Newspaper Probe

The accusations against Saccamonto were made in a series of articles in the Wheaton Daily Journal, according to Illinois state's attorney, Michael Fitzsimmons. Wheaton is the seat of Du-Page County, which includes Glendale Heights. State proscecutors would

make no further statement on the matter since grand jury investigations are

The Daily Journal articles charged that William Solak, director of loss prevention and claims for Riss, paid Saccamonto to run record checks on at least 80 persons who had applied for jobs with the firm. Solak paid Saccamonto for the data on four occasions in January and February 1977 with checks ranging in value from \$65 to \$155 but may have paid him at other times as well, the articles stated.

Solak has been "fairly cooperative" in answering questions before the Du-Page grand jury, despite the fact he resisted Illinois and Missouri prosecutors' efforts to secure that testimony, according to John Minton, the Jackson County, Mo., prosecutor who engineered Solak's extradition.

Until recently Leads was based on an IBM 370/158 with an IBM 370/155 serving as backup. Each CPU has 2M bytes of storage, according to Dwight E. Bee, who manages the Leads computer facility in Springfield, Ill.

However, one of the first IBM 3032s, a 2M-byte processor, has just been installed to replace the 370/155 in order to handle the increasing volume of Leads traffic, Bee said.

In operation since May 1969, Leads is accessible to 968 Illinois police agencies, 582 of which have on-line terminal interfaces to the 370/155. The rest depend on radio access via intermediary agencies.

Leads currently stores roughly 400,000 criminal case histories, Bee said, adding the system also swaps information with the NCIC data base in accordance with NCIC guidelines.

In addition, Leads stores about 250,000 "hot files" under seven different categories, such as missing persons and stolen cars, guns and securities.

# 'Dumps' Under Study

Glendale Heights - a relatively young community located just west of Cook County, in which Chicago is located - depends on DuPage's countywide police dispatching radio service to access Leads and NCIC. This service, called Du-Comm, was allegedly used by Saccamonto to obtain the histories he is accused of selling.

Local police chiefs are investigating whether Saccamonto used Du-Comm to tap other crime data networks besides Leads, such as NCIC, in connection with this matter, according to an informed source. The chiefs are doing this by studying "dumps" of old Du-Comm transmissions, the source said.

Under U.S. Public Law 92-544, a law enforcement agency may only provide NCIC criminal histories to other government bodies under specific authorization by a state statute that has been approved by the U.S. Attorney General [CW, May 29].

A police agency found to have abused either NCIC or Leads data is disenfranchised from that service as long as the offender remains with the agency, according to Buell and Bee.

Saccamonto is currently fighting to remain with the department in a "reduced" capacity, a source said.

Bee noted that the alleged Du-Comm abuse is of "an extent and a magnitude" unprecedented in Illinois.

# IBM Gives Series/1 Cobol, Extends DDP

(Continued from Page 1) increased to four the number of programming languages available with the Series/1. Previous languages supported by the system include PL/I, Fortran IV and Assembler.

Series/1 Cobol comes as two licensed programs: a Compiler and Resident Library and a Transient Library. Assorted development aids available with the language allow users to write Series/1 programs on larger systems as long as those programs use the same hardware as the Series/1, IBM spokesmen explained.

Some of those program development aids include symbolic debug, which maps data areas in Cobol format; flow trace, which identifies the last statement before an abnormal termination; and error checking and error messages.

The channel attachment reportedly allows the Series/1 to act as a frontend processor for a 370 system. It also serves as a controller with 32 device addresses for a 370 and one device address for a Series/1.

# Fifth Processor

The small system's latest processor, the 4955 Model E, represents the fifth member of IBM's Series/1 CPU family and is said to expand in 64K-byte increments from 64K bytes to 256K bytes. A 64K-byte storage card uses 2K chips with 72 memory module/ card, compared with 36 module/card for the earlier Series/1 processors, which use 32K-byte cards, IBM officials said.

This increased storage density has cut the cost of a 64K-byte increment to \$3,800, they noted.

The Model E reportedly executes instructions in an average of 265 microsec, provides a memory that cycles in 880 nsec and offers many of the same features as previous 4955 family processors including a microcoded instruction set, four priority interrupt levels and vector interrupt.

The Series/1's lastest disk subsystem, the Model 4963, stores 58M to 258M bytes with one primary drive and up to three expansion drives, IBM sources said. Both the primary and expansion drives come in two versions: a 58Mbyte unit with an extra 128K bytes of fixed-head storage and a 64M-byte

For most practical applications, users can attach four to six of the subsystems to one Model E processor, one spokesman said.

Equipped with overlapped seek capability, the 4963 holds almost 65M byte/spindle, whereas earlier Series/1 subsystems held only 13.9M byte/- spindle, he added. Whether the primary drives operate alone or with expansion units, the subsystem accesses in an average of 25 msec and transfers' 1.03M byte/sec with 9.6 msec latency.

# 3270 Protocol

SPF, meanwhile, operates with the 370 Time Sharing Option (TSO) and is said to permit a Series/1 to communicate bisynchronously with a host 370 through the 3271 protocol. Some of the features available with SPF include CRT screen editing and scrolling plus data insertion and deletion.

The diskette magazine incorporates a carriage assembly with five slots, two for magazines that store up to 10 diskettes each and three that hold individual diskettes.

Capable of accessing any diskette in 5 sec or less, the Model 4966 unit stores as many as 27M bytes and transfers a maximum of 125K byte/sec, the spokesman said.

# **Times and Prices**

The Series/1's Cobol compiler and Resident Library costs \$3,700 or \$62/mo, while the Cobol Transient Library costs \$300 or \$5/mo. Both programs will be available next May.

The Channel Attachment Feature No. 1200 for 370s also becomes available then; it sells for \$2,175, whereas its Series 30 counterpart will cost \$2,625 when shipments start in October 1979.

A basic version of the Model E processor, available this September, sells for \$11,000, compared with \$4,705 for the diskette magazine with a February availability.

Deliveries of all four disk subsystem models will also begin next February. The 58M-byte primary drive, 58Mbyte expansion drive, 64M-byte primary drive and 64M-byte expansion drive cost \$11,420, \$9,720, \$10,700 and \$9,000, respectively.

SPF, which will be available this October, costs \$210/mo - a charge IBM plans to waive after 24 months.

Shipments of both the two-channel switch and the Fortran IV Real-Time Subroutine Library Version 2, which cost \$2,550 and \$336 respectively, will start in September.

Both the channel attach program, which costs \$1,250 or \$21/mo, and the sort/merge program, which costs \$400 or \$7/mo, will be available next May.

Additional support for the Programmable Communications Subsystem will cost \$1,150 or \$20/mo next June.

All Series/1 hardware and software enhancements are available from IBM's General Systems Division at Box C-1645, Atlanta, Ga. 30301.

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# HP Adds High-, Low-End Small Business Units

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to one spokesman.

The HP 250, by contrast, is said to suit "experienced" end users and OEMs and to compare roughly in performance to the IBM 5100 and System/32, DG CS series, Burroughs Corp. B80 and Univac BC/7.

## System Expandability

Main storage for the Series III consists of 16K random-access memories that cost \$8,000 for a 256K-byte module. Series I and II users can reportedly field-upgrade their configurations to the top-of-the-line system merely by inserting additional processor boards into their CPU chasses.

Depending on system size, a typical upgrade involves the addition of six to eight boards and takes an average of one day, according to the spokesman.

The HP250, meanwhile, provides no such clearcut path for system expansion. Users, however, can upgrade the system, which typically incorporates two 1.2M-byte disk units, by adding a third unit

The system also accommodates a 20M-byte HP 7906 cartridge disk unit with 10M bytes of fixed storage and an equal amount of removable storage.

In announcing the Series III, HP also enhanced its DS/3000 distributed systems networking facilities with optional automatic data compression that the spokesman said typically allows 3000 systems to speed Ascii data transmission by 40% and at times to achieve savings of up to 80%.

In addition, the firm said it has modified its Image/Query software, a data base management package, to allow a local system to access a remote Image data base without forcing users to change their applications programs.

# MPE-III Features

Features available with the Series III's enhanced operating system include tape labeling, a unified command language, the capability of accommodating up to 32 local CRT terminals with one input port and the ability to provide each removable disk pack with its own index.

With HP's recently introduced asynchronous repeaters, the multipoint terminal support capability allows local terminals as far as 4,000 feet from each other to communicate synchronously or asynchronously at speeds up to 9,600 bit/sec, the spokesman said. The multipoint option is also said to support 32 remote terminals operating synchronously at speeds up to 9,600 bits/sec.

Under MPE-III, Series III users can also treat any disk pack except the system disk as a private file for designated uses only, the spokesman explained.

The operating system's tape labeling capability, meanwhile, reportedly simplifies the exchange of data between HP and non-HP systems by allowing the Series III and other 3000 series members to run tapes that have been labeled to Ansi or IBM format Ebcdic standards.

A fourth MPE-III feature — the unified command language — provides simplified instructions that help terminal users circumvent data errors, HP said.

As standard components of the HP

250 data base manager, HP has included Query/250, Forms/250 and Report Writer/250 software modules.

Query/250 permits users of the data base manger to retrieve, update and modify data without having to write additional programs. Forms/250 helps users create and modify CRT-displayed forms for data input and output, while Report Writer/250 aids report production with standard features like automatic paging controls and built-in restart.

The HP 250's data base manager, which represents a subset of the Image software package used with the 3000 systems, also comes with HP's Business Basic.

# **Basic Configurations**

A basic 256K or 2M-byte Series III with MPE-III incorporates a 50M-byte Model 7920 disk system, 1,600 bit/sec tape system, 15 asynchronous terminal ports and a Model 2640B CRT console. The system also comes with an optional 120M-byte Model 7925 disk system and can accommodate up to eight mass storage units for a maxi-

mum capacity of 960M bytes.

A standard HP 250 holds a 32K-byte user memory expandable to 64K bytes and a 128K-byte system memory expandable to 192K bytes. The low-end system also incorporates a 1,920-character adjustable CRT terminal with a recessed keyboard and a standard 180 char./sec Model 2631 matrix printer or an optional 30 char./sec Model 9871 character printer.

The basic HP 250 costs \$24,500, compared with \$115,000 for a basic Series III system. A typical 1M-byte Series III configuration with a 120M-byte disk unit, Cobol and Image/Query software costs \$152,000, while a typical 2M-byte system with a 240M-byte disk unit, 1,600 bit/in. tape unit, 15 asynchronous terminal ports, two multipoint lines and associated software support sells for \$213,000.

Deliveries of the HP 250 will begin in September, while shipments of the 3000 Series III are starting immediately from HP at 1501 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto, Calif. 94304.

# System Analyst Salaries at All-Time High

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growth in the number of systems analysts employed in all industries, with a slight decline in manufacturing and a slight rise in public utilities since 1974, when the last survey was conducted.

DP service firms showed the largest percentage of increase in 1977 salaries. Together with manufacturing companies, these areas paid higher salaries than did insurance or educational institutions.

System analysts employed by the government last year earned a midrange salary of \$20,000 to \$30,000; few survey respondents earned either more or less than that amount.

Systems analysts are usually found in urban areas, the survey showed, but geographical areas of employment seem to have stablilized, reducing migration. The Midwest employed the largest percentage of analysts in 1977,

although that number decreased slightly since 1974.

The Northeast was the second largest employer of systems personnel; the Southwest employed the smallest number. Salaries were relatively equal across the board and usually reflected cost-of-living rates in a specific area. Canada had the highest percentage of systems analysts earning \$23,000 or more and the U.S. Southeast had the lowest.

# Years of Experience

The largest percentage of systems analysts — 33% — have worked 10 to 14 years in the profession. In 1977, 19% of the respondents had worked more than 20 years as systems analysts. The percentage of those with less than 10 years' experience continued its 20-year decline.

A growing number of systems analysts have switched jobs rather than stay at one company. The survey showed 1,068 respondents — 31% — had worked for only one company, while 690, or 21%, had worked at three or more jobs. This indicated a steady increase from 1959, when only 13% had changed jobs more than three times

The survey also indicated that experience has a direct and important bearing on salary. Respondents with three or less years of experience earned \$18,000, while those averaging 20 or more years earned \$29,000.

Experience was obtained from a variety of functional areas, with the most common being finance and/or accounting, according to the ASM. Other areas of experience were found to be in general administration, purchasing, sales, personnel, engineering and economics.

# **Education and Age**

Systems professionals showed an interest in educational advancement. Two-thirds of those surveyed had at least an undergraduate degree and 23% had masters or Ph.D. degrees. Nearly 40% of the college graduates had ma-

jored in business administration, while the number of those majoring in science or engineering increased. Those with no formal college education showed a slight decrease in number.

In the noncollege-educated group, 50% earned at least \$23,000; 66% of the college-educated respondents earned this amount or more and half of the college educated earned more than \$26,000.

Systems analysts under 30 years of age were relatively few while 43% were in the 30 to 39-year-old age group — a percentage that has remained fairly constant since 1959. The percentage dropped in the 40 to 49-year-old group and sunk to 16% in the 50 to 59-year-old group, suggesting many gravitate to other areas of the organization.

Those systems analysts 50 to 59 years old represented the highest income brackets in 1977, with 23% earning \$35,000 or more.

Most systems departments are comprised of fewer than 10 employees, a figure that has not changed over the years, the ASM indicated. But 91% of those system analysts supervising more than 50 employees reported salaries in excess of \$26,000 and 79% said they earned more than \$30,000.

The survey showed more respondents working in manufacturing than in any other field, but it also showed an increased number of analysts in companies involving communications, construction, engineering, publishing, aerospace and medicine and in public utilities.

Manufacturing, service and educational institutions reported the smallest systems groups, while public utilities and transportation companies had the highest percentage of large system groups. The systems practitioner performed an average of six different functions in the systems unit, a figure which did not vary according to the kind of company, the survey showed.

The ASM survey, in the form of a two-part questionnaire, was sent to approximately 8,500 ASM members; 3,355 replied.

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# Federal Study Notes Duplication

# Small Agencies Found Lacking Direction in DP

By Ann Dooley CW Staff

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal study group set up to examine how small federal agencies handle information technology has found that they use outdated equipment, tend to duplicate work and lack direction.

Part of President Carter's DP reorganization project, the team based its report on a study of the 27 agencies whose annual DP budgets are each less than \$10 million.

The agencies studied were the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Small Business Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and the International Communications Agency.

The review team found that, in most cases, top management has not given DP the full support and direction needed. Top management was found to have little interest or expertise in the field

But the main reason for the lack of continuity and efficiency, according to the team, is frequent politically induced changes in agency top management. Such turnover often leaves the DP function floundering, and plans for improving performance may be dropped when a manager leaves.

Decision-making falls to middle-level managers with technical expertise but little experience in general management, the group found. Although competent, these managers frequently don't have a clear idea of the agencies' long-range goals.

These faults result in inefficiency and a failure to exploit information technology to its potential, the group concluded.

Less than half of the agencies reviewed had any kind of formal written long-range plan for information processing. This resulted in poor strategy and worse budgeting practices, which at times kept the DP function from keeping up with the growing needs of the agency.

# **Resources Lagging**

The group also found that computer equipment and resources are lagging behind those in the private sector. Most agencies use "old, tired" equipment and accompanying procedures based on older technology so that the potential impact of information technology is not being realized. Much of the hardware in use is quickly becoming obsolete, with some no longer in production and even spare parts unavailable.

Many of the agencies are just beginning to take advantage of minicomputer technology and still only to a limited extent, the group observed. Some agencies use time-sharing services which tend to eliminate or reduce the problems of obsolescence, but that method also has drawbacks.

Another reason for poor performance, according to the research group, is that a great amount of work is duplicated among agencies.

Duplication most frequently occurs

when very closely related systems are installed, the group found. Often an agency will work on developing a software application another agency already has in operation.

Very few joint projects have been attempted and many agencies are reluctant to use — or have not even heard of — the General Services Administration's Software Exchange Program. At times, several different agencies have unknowingly bought the same software package from a private contractor, the team reported.

Since the agencies work independently, with no single force for coordinating their use of information technology, they try the same applications

and continually make the same mistakes, the group found.

In addition to the other failings, information technology was not being used to its full potential in any of the agencies studied, partly because no single central unit in government exists to direct, collect and retain that kind of information, the review team noted. As a result, most small agencies are forced to "go it alone" rather than look to one source for help and direction.

The research team suggested that efforts to correct the problems would involve issuing general policy and management guidelines and strengthening the budget process. The group also

suggested establishing a computer utility as the primary source of supply for all small users' computing capacity and establishing a central unit for information technology that would provide a central, consistent source of support and direction for information technology.

In addition, the group recommended that each agency's information processing unit submit short- and longrange resource plans that are integrated with overall goals. The unit would report to a major decision-making body in the agency.

The team, which began its work last year, consists of representatives from the private as well as the public sector.

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# ACM Votes to Retain 'Machinery'

NEW YORK - A move to Denning and David H. Brandrop the "Machinery" from din to two-year posts as ACM the name of the Association president, vice-president and for Computing Machinery secretary, respectively. (ACM) was defeated by a membership mail vote of 5,170-4,085 with 487 absten-

The ACM announced the defeat of the constitutional amendment proposed to change the organization's name at the same time it anniel D. McCracken, Peter J. ery" was more suitable when

Had two-thirds of the total ACM membership - 6,170 members - voted for the measure, the organization would have become simply the "Association for Computing," while retaining the acronym "ACM."

Supporters of the proposal nounced the elections of Da- had argued the term "Machinthe organization was founded in 1947, when the focus of concern among computing professionals was hardware.

The advent of sophisticated software and its greatly expanded role in system development, however, as well as the growing sensitivity to the "human dimension" in computing, made the association's title too restrictive, the proponents contended.

A grammatical problem was also evident in the usage of the phrase "for Computing Machinery," some said; taken literally, it means ACM is a group of devices.

McCracken, best known as the author of programming language texts, defeated ACM Treasurer Aaron Finerman for the presidency. He replaces Dr. Herbert R.J. Grosch in that capacity. Finerman is continuing as treasurer.

Elected to four-year terms as members-at-large of the ACM Executive Council were Ro-

bert L. Ashenhurst, Portia Isaacson and Jeffrey D. Ullman. New regional representatives on the council are Monroe M. Newborn, Northeast; Joseph A. Leubitz, North Central; Fred N. Brand, Pacific; and Robert R. Korfhage, South Central.

# Vendor Schedules N.Y. Seminar

NEW YORK - General Datacomm Industries, Inc. will sponsor a workshop on Wednesday afternoon, July 12, at the City Midday Club at 140 Broadway here.

The workshop will be conducted by Charles P. Johnson, General Datacomm president, who will discuss digital data systems as they impact the data transmission equipment industry.

Further information on the workshop is available from Robert K. Otterbourg & Co., 560 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, N.I. 07632.

# SCS Sets **Tutorial**

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. - The Society for Computer Simulation (SCS) will hold a one-day tutorial seminar on Thursday, July 27 entitled "What Simulation Specialists Should Know About Microprocessors.

The seminar was designed to dovetail with the end of the three-day 1978 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, which will also be held here at the Newporter Inn.

The seminar will discuss the uses and applications of microcomputers in varied fields of computer simulation.

The all-day program will be open to SCS members and nonmembers on a first-come basis. Registration is \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers, which includes all course materials, coffee and

Additional information is available from SCS at P.O. Box 2228PR, La Jolla, Calif.

# Security Workshop Planned

LEXINGTON, Ky. - The tem security, application pro-University of Kentucky will sponsor the 21st International Operational Data Security Workshop at the Carnahan Conference Center, Newtown Pike, here July 10-13.

Eighteen speakers at 27 sessions will present their views and exchange experiences with attendees during the four

DP auditing, operating sys-

grams for manipulation and the use of data encryption will be discussed.

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Aug. 2-4, Washington, D.C. - Word Processing, Planning, Managing and Controlling for Greater Productivity, sponsored by the Institute for Professional Education (IPE). Contact: IPE, Suite 601, 1901 N. Fort Meyer Arlington, Va. 22209.

Aug. 2-4, Los Angeles -Data Communications Services and Protocols, sponsored by Technology Transfer, Inc. Contact: Technology Transfer, Calif. 90049.

Aug. 6-9, Jerusalem - Computers, Communications and Technology Transfer, sponsored by the Information Processing Association (IPA) of Israel. Contact: JCIT 3 Secretariat, IPA, P.O. Box 13009, Jerusalem, Israel.

Aug. 6-10, Washington, D.C. - 16th Annual Conference of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (Urisa). Contact: Urisa, Suite 800, 180 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60601. 119. 7-9. Toronto - Using and Understanding Computer Graphics, sponsored by Frost & Sullivan, Inc. Contact: St., New York, N.Y. 10038.

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# Communications Bill Seen Escape From Past

By Marguerite Zientara

CW Staff

BOSTON — The rewrite of the Communications Act of 1934 proposed by the House Subcommittee on Communications is "an attempt to get away from all the tired ways of the past," Subcommittee Chairman Lionel Van Deerlin told the annual meeting of the Utilities Telecommunications Council (UTC) here recently.

The UTC represents the telecommunications interests of more than 2,000 electric, gas, water and steam utilities before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and other federal

and state agencies.

The net effect of the proposed rewrite, according to Van Deerlin, would be to "assure consumers the benefits of the marketplace." With competition in the field, consumers will get innovation, the lowest possible prices and "no layered processes of government" keeping prices artificially high, the California Democrat said.

Parts of the Communications Act of 1934 were taken directly from legislation enacted as long ago as 1887, the congressman noted. With "cascading technology" including such things as microwaves, laser beams and optic fibers, existing regulations are in some cases obsolete and in other cases simply confusing and cumbersome because of the number of amendments enacted since the act's inception, he said.

"Even though Bell may have misgivings about opening itself up to all types of competition such as urban loops and other intruders, these are happening today," Van Deerlin said. Such things as microwave systems, Execunet and Wats systems have revolutionized bookkeeping and technology, he added.

# Common Meet Set for October

DENVER — Common, the IBM users group, will hold its Fall '78 Conference at the Denver Marriott Oct. 15-18.

Sessions will feature user and IBM speakers on topics including DP management, data base management and manufacturing applications.

IBM development laboratory, regional and other high-level personnel will be present to respond to technical questions. Informal sessions to discuss problems of mutual interest for users are also being planned.

A DOS/VS Soundoff will provide users with an opportunity to ask questions, discuss problems and share experiences. An OS/DOS Forum is also being planned.

Another session on the agenda will present the features of the IBM Business System Plan, which is directed at building financial plans, budgets and cash flow forecasts for corporate planning and decision making.

Membership in Common now totals more than 800 installations which use IBM 3, 7, 32, 34, 370, 1130, 1800, 5100 and Series/1 computers.

More information on the Fall '78 Conference is available from G. Lister, Administrative Director, Common-Department F2, Suite 1717, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Van Deerlin said that the 1956 Consent Decree that bars AT&T from providing nonregulated services "makes no sense whatever 22 years later. Changes are what communications is all about.

"Such things as data transmission and electronic funds transfer will be the coming thing for AT&T, and the company will start putting its competitors on their toes," he predicted.

# Western Electric View

Speaking of Western Electric, AT&T's manufacturing subsidiary, Van Deerlin said AT&T shouldn't manufacture equipment that it then sells to itself, nor should the same people sit on the boards of both companies because "that situation presents too

many opportunities to juggle figures." The thrust of the proposed act, which requires the divestiture of Western Electric, may be a telephone company no longer providing monopolistic services, he said.

With the FCC reduced in size and authority under the name of the Communications Regulatory Commission (CRC), as proposed by the rewrite [CW, June 12], Van Deerlin hopes to see license-granting deadlines "based not on years, but on months."

The draft law would rename the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in the Commerce Department the National Telecommunications Agency (NTA). Van Deerlin said another objective of the rewrite is to restore what would be-

come the NTA to the executive branch of the government.

"One good thing to come out of the Nixon Administration was an advisory agency within the executive offices to advise him on the fast-changing technology of communications," he ob-

While Van Deerlin admitted President Carter presently has more serious priority items on his desk, he hopes the rewrite bill will go before the Senate by next summer, with action taken by the end of 1979. He urged the UTC attendees to inform their congressional representatives of the legislation's dangers or ramifications unforeseen by the nontechnical lawmakers or, if no dangers exist, to assume an involvement in the issue.



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# **Editorial**

# **Fundamental Confusion**

The authors and enforcers of computer law may not know just what computing really is. Forthcoming litigation in more than one nation could result in a judicial definition of computing that does not quite jibe with the way most computing professionals see themselves.

To be specific, the courts may conclude that — at least as far as they are concerned — computing is a type of telecommunications.

Why? Because prosecutors are hard-pressed to find the jurisprudence needed to deter computer abuse and find that perhaps the only law able to do the job is telecommunications law generally written with something else in mind.

For example, Canadian federal prosecutors can apparently find no law on their books addressed to most types of computer abuse by name.

In March, Crown prosecutors charged three University of Alberta (UA) students with "theft of telecommunications services" and "mischief" for having allegedly issued themselves unauthorized UA computer accounts [CW, June 26].

The theft charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment and is the principal offense to be considered when the students are tried in Edmonton, Alberta, this December.

Telecommunications theft is prohibited by Section 287 of the Canadian criminal code, a section generally regarded as written to deter "blue box" telephone tampering—use of a telephone in a way that precludes billing. Can 287 apply to computer abuse? Only if one assumes that computing is a kind of telecommunications.

Whether computing is a kind of telecommunications is a question worthy of philosophical examination, but it can also be seen as having very concrete significance in computer law and the way computing professionals see themselves.

Howard Anderson of The Yankee Group has said that in the 1980s computing will become a "subset" of the telecommunications industry [CW, June 12]. Interestingly, Anderson has assumed that the meaning of "computing" can change with time

If the nature of computing does change with time, then computer law must allow for this change. It should not be swiftly obsoleted by technological progress or economic developments.

U.S. law may have to be tested for its applicability in a very big way as the world's largest mainframe computer manufacturer enters the telecommunications marketplace.

Some see AT&T as being forced by IBM to counterattack with its proposed Bell Data Network. IBM and AT&T will compete for customers of controllers, multiplexers, front ends and smart terminal networks, the argument goes, and the distinction — if there every was one — between computing and telecommunications will thus be blurred.

The Justice Department's Antitrust Division, however, may not quite see it that way, remembering the 1956 Consent Decree by which AT&T agreed to stay out of comput-

The UA case shows more than the inadequacy of Canadian, and by analogy, U.S. law in handling most computer abuse. It shows a fundamental confusion of self-identity in the computing community.

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# Letters to the Editor

# **Wrong About Proposition 13**

Prof. Rob Kling missed the point of Proposition 13 ["Local DP Can't Take Budget Cuts," CW, June 19]. Who wants "inelastic" DP? Only the bureaucrats! Who wants more "intensive" DP? Only the bureaucrats! Who wants "convoluted" accounting? Only the bureaucrats!

Proposition 13 said "to hell with bureaucrats!"

Kling is obviously feeding at the public trough, and some consideration must be given to how that warps one's thinking. But that cannot excuse his absurd cliches.

Terrence M. Bezdek

Orinda, Calif.

# Protestations 'Hogwash'

Regarding Prof. Rob Kling's protestations in "Local DP Can't Take Budget Cuts" [CW, June 19] that such cuts in a typical municipal or county DP operation "would have a devastating impact upon its ability to support current systems" and his statements about how "unelastic" and "complex" and "intensive" governmental systems are: Hogwash!

But then, what would you expect an entrenched academic on the public payroll to say? We will hear much moaning and groaning about such "devastation" in the coming months as the taxpayers' own solution to the backbreaking tax burden becomes implemented. We will also, I predict, scarcely be able to detect a disruptive ripple in the functioning of municipal and county government in California.

The bureaucrats had better face the fact that the trough is only going to be half full from now on.

Barry M. Walden

Portland, Maine

# Time for Men to Change

I would like to take issue with Dr. Donnamarie E. White on her state-

ments with regard to developing an "authority image" to become a woman executive ["Debug Views on DP Careers, Women Urged," CW, June 19].

It appears White would advise women to be less than women in order to advance to executive roles. This seems like a very inoffensive way to obviate the problem of women being granted their rightful position in the working society. In fact, the whole thrust of the session was for women to aspire to only secondary-level executive positions. Women, according to White's theory, always have to have a male role model in place as president or chairman of the board.

If we do not study history, we are doomed to repeat its mistakes. For years, blacks emulated whites, attempting to get into the executive suite, and it gained them little because of racial prejudice. I submit that because of sexual prejudice, women emulating men will not do any more to get themselves into executive suites. White's advocacy of a thinly veiled "male, second-class" role for women in business is as "buggy" as a computer full of crickets.

Barbara M. Zuiderhof LaPlata, Md.

# 'Honest Rapport' Necessary

"Debug Views on DP Careers, Women Urged" [CW, June 19] was an especially interesting article.

However, the comment about "wearing a wedding ring even if you are single" is ridiculous. I am starting to do outside selling and part of the selling process is developing an honest rapport with your customer. If you are a good salesperson, there will be some personal niceties exchanged between you and the customer.

By the way, should all single men wear a wedding band?

Annette Rosen Fort Lee, N.J.

# **Data Past**

# Five Years Ago July 4, 1973

CHICAGO — The Institute for the Certification of Computer Professionals (ICCP) would be incorporated this month, organizing committee members said at the Data Processing Management Association's annual conference.

CINCINNATI - An appellate court here, upholding a lower court ruling ordered a Toledo gas company to enforce a personal notification system and rely less on its computer for billing. The class action suit against Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. had been filed more than a year earlier by Mr. and Mrs. Morris A. Palmer, who claimed their gas service had been terminated in violation of their constitutional right to due process. The original U.S. District Court ruling found that "significant and tragic mistakes" had been made by the company in keeping up with the payment or nonpayment of bills.

# Eight Years Ago July 8, 1970

NEW YORK — IBM introduced the first two members of its 370 line, stressing hardware and software compatibility with 360s and more power for users. The 370/155 was described as having up to four times the internal operating speed of the 360/50, and the 370/165 was reported to operate five times faster than the 360/65.

CHICAGO — Three former computer operators of Encyclopaedia Britannica obtained and sold, without authorization, the company's confidential list of customers' names and addresses, the publisher charged in a suit filed in Cook County Circuit Court. The actual loss was estimated at more than \$3 million, and more than two million names and addresses on tape were allegedly involved.



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# The Human Connection

# Management Can Help Bored Programmer

By Jack Stone And Irene S. Nesbit

Special to CW Unfortunately, many a programmer spends much work time in a mode of restlessness, boredom and

frustration.

Usually the bored programmer is one who has been directed into a programming maintenance function and committed to supporting a "critical" system over a long period of time. After suffering the agony of interpreting weird code early on and feeling a sense of being "locked in" to the task because the system has had no major catastrophes while he has "mother-henned" it, the programmer is now sitting across from your desk, asking for more "interesting" work. "That's it! I've had it! This system's old hat! The world of the new technology is passing me by, and I want a change!"

Irene Nesbit, an experienced manager of programmers and analysts, filed this report on her approach to this personnel situation.

Really good, experienced programmers are hard to find, and you certainly don't want to lose those currently on the staff. How do we keep our competent maintenance programming people? We've all found out the hard way that a salary increase won't solve a a successful answer to the quest programmer's unhappiness for long, nor is a salary increase always feasible.

And "buying time" by delaying action can be dangerous - the risks are great that the programmer will leave for another job if a decent one comes along. Furthermore, you can't willy-nilly pull the person off the maintenance job in the short run, because the system really needs the "mother-hen's" tender loving care. And, finally, there is no other interesting work at the time or is there?

Certainly there will be no task alternatives available unless you expend the effort to search for some. Here are some guidelines I have used in my searches which have provided me some measure of suc-

# Consult Programmer

First, it is very important that you involve the programmer in determining a course of action. Believe me, when the employee is partici-pating in the process of finding more challenging work, he or she will come up with some very creative ideas. In certain cases, the mere act of focusing your attention on the programmer's personal needs tends to build momentum for

and sometimes could lead to some rather imaginative solutions.

The next step is to discover what constitutes an "interesting" assignment.Just what does the programmer want or expect in the way of a

When I queried one programmer who came to me after many months of maintenmance support of a large system, I learned that his notion of interesting work was to design systems to assess the quality of life on other planets. I looked out the window, thought about life on Mars for a moment and told him his current assignment was appropriate.

As I expected, he quit a short time

There are many programmers, however, who do have realistic job expectations and personal goals. These people, at certain points in their careers, do need different experiences and more challenging assignments. Toward this objective, it is important that the manager carefully plan choice assignments among all staff members.

One obvious approach is to enhance programmers' current responsiblities. Maybe the system could be modularly converted using one of the new tools or methodologies the programmer is itching to try. Or perhaps the input processing or output formats could be redesigned - every system has a backlog of enhancements.

Another way is to document operational problems and maintenance modifictions in such a way that a junior programmer, who might find the maintenance task to his liking, could take over the job.

For the programmer who is willing to carry an additional workload, there are more choices, I have found that nearly all programmers can find the time for a small but exciting task. Special tasks carried out in addition to the regular workload may indeed earn the programmer the right to be considred for more significant tasks on more creative projects. Perhaps challenging work rarely comes "free," but must be earned though exemplary perform-

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# The Taylor Report

# **Enforced Fraud Reporting** Favored by Sen. Ribicoff

By Alan Taylor Special to CW

Computer fraud may become more worrisome to some banks and other institutions if Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) takes action on his opinion that reporting of such frauds should be made compulsory.

computer Currently, most frauds are not reported to the police. There are two reasons for

First it's hard to get the proof required by current law. The laws were not written with computers in mind and most people are still quite ignorant on the subject of

But more important, computer frauds are often hushed up after the event. A vice-president who has taken a bank for \$100,000 or more may well be allowed to resign on any one of a number of grounds. The bank may want to avoid the embarrassment of revealing its system's vulnerability.

However, the situation may soon change. In response to a question at the EDP Auditors' Convention in Detroit in late June, Ribicoff came out clearly in favor of compulsory reporting of such thefts. The thefts to which he was referring are outlined in his bill, S.1766, which may soon be the basic computer law.

DP thefts are defined, quite widely, in two important sections. Anyone using a computer to "execute any scheme or artifice to defraud or to obtain money, property or services by means of false or fraudulent pretentions, representatives or promises" falls under the act, and "services" are defined to include computer time, processing and any storage functions. Banks, although state-run, do not escape the bill's provisions.

S.1766 specifically covers any site involved in a "financial situation." This broad area would include banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., members of the Federal Reserve banks, institutitons with accounts insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., credit unions, federal home loan banks and securities concerns.

After his speech, the senator said the only thing he thought could hold up the bill was apathy. He urged people interested in preventing computer fraud to write their senators and congressmen in support of it.

During the auditors' meeting. Ribicoff picked up two new ideas as well as the one for the required reporting of computer crimes. The areas of software theft

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# Reader Commentary

# **Data Networks Created Out of Five Elements**

By Jim Ryan Special to CW

There seems to be a need to define just what data networks are because of the present tendency to mix data processing with data communications, probably be-cause they use the same electronic control devices.

To begin with, networks are used to share information. That information may be restricted or public. It may also be live, interactive or stored and can be dynamic or static.

One of the most accepted means of sharing information is electronic communications. A telephone conversation is shared information in an analog, fullduplex, real-time mode, using the dynamic brain as a storage and manipulating device.

There are times when this needs to be supplemented by documentary evidence. A teletypewriter message is shared documentary conversation except that it requires much longer to transmit and receive because of the need for documentation and coding.

Data transmission commonly involves electronic storage and manipulation of the features found in telephone and teletypewriter information.

This means networks must usu-

ally be designed with specific applications in mind because of the various combinations of input, output, storage and manipulation involved.

# 'What-If' Question

When the design of a data network is considered, the first problem that surfaces is the what-if' question. This must be resolved quickly and system's parameters should be

Let's explore a few simple "what ifs.

Using the elements described above, suppose a user wants to design a data network that will be public, real-time, on-line and use static information. This network would be accessed by customers dialing published telephone numbers and then following a standard published procedure to obtain the required information from a static file in the computer.

The network in this case would be the common carrier network and the principal problem to be addressed would be the capability of the computer controller to process the maximum number of simultaneous queries. would be a network with public input, output and storage, but no

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# **Sets Back Thinking** On Women in DP

"Debug Views on DP Careers, Women Urged" [CW, June 19] should go a long way in setting back liberal thinking in DP. While much included in the article bears credence, advice in the area of appropriate dress borders on the ridicu-

A woman in management must project a professional image - that much is certain. But a woman need not sacrifice her femininity nor her marital status for the sake of her ca-

A woman must learn to be tasteful, well-groomed and probably low-key in dress. She should not have to worry, however, that her next promotion will not be forthcoming because she carries a purse, is not married or is caught appearing feminine.

DP has always been a field in manipulation. which women have had a relatively equal chance at career advance-

# Letters to the Editor

ment. To relegate fine female managers to the position of being more concerned over the length of their skirts than the professionalism of their duties is, at the very least, doing them great disservice. It is not only patently ridiculous, but also practically medieval.

Since 55% of the staff listed on the CW masthead is female, one would think that the publication would tend toward a more enlightened point of view. Although the opinions expressed may be those of Donnamarie White, they are certianly only that, and should not be printed in the context of advisory information.

Carol S. Shaw

Greenwich, Conn.

# Who Are 'Professionals'?

At a National Computer Conference seminar, Dr. Gary Casper reportedly warned of the need for DP self regulation/certification "Regulate Selves or Be Regulated, DPers Warned" [CW, June 19]. Some thoughts on his comments:

Who are these omnipotent "computer professionals" who should set Madison, Wis.

standards and test "competence"?

On what does he base his idea that we have "lagged so badly" in "enforcing high levels of professionalism" (whatever that is)?

Why does he assume incompetence apparently because all the doers haven't passed some esoteric certification test and been stamped 'professional"? Has certification "prevented" incompetents from entering medicine, law, engineering or, yes, even the "DP seminar" arena?

I'll bet a lot of incompetents have pondered that last one in between dozing off at a lot of \$200-a-day-plus expenses disasters!

George L. Riege

# Networks Built Around Five Elements

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A second illustration would be almost the exact opposite, in which

the user would seek a restricted, real-time, on-line, dynamic stored information, manipulated system. In such an inventory control, only one user at a time could gain access to stored information, which could be updated by manipulation.

In this case, a private-line data network with all stations bridged along the line or at the controller would be the proper design. The controller would regulate which station gained access to the stored dynamic information.

Here are some basic guidelines in

network design.

First, the tendency to mix data network control software with manipulator software should be avoided. With mini- and microcomputers, it becomes more feasible to keep these separated.

Second, all parts of the net-work system should be described in terms of five basic elements: terminals, controllers, concentrators, switches and facilities.

· A terminal is any location where input, putput, storage and maniupulation; or any combination of these features, may take place.

 The controller establishes a connection between two or more of the elements found in a terminal.

· The concentrator combines a number of terminals as in a telephone party line. (Combining a number of slow-speed lines into a high-speed line is multiplexing, not concentrating.)

· A switch establishes a connection between controllers.

• Facilities are the circuits used to interconnect all of the other elements.

Using this base, the network de-

signer would first determine the location of all possible terminals. Next, he would determine which of these terminals could efficiently use input, output, storage and manipulation features. All would use input and/or output, but the use of storage would be determined by the amount of information required by that specific location.

In general, the further from headquarters, the more detail would be required. This would become summarized as it moved up the heirarchic ladder to headquarters. The amount of manipulation would be related to the amount of storage.

Any terminal which could not qualify for all features would become a satellite of a location which did have all features. Data from low-volume terminals would be concentrated before reaching the base location.

Concentrators usually require careful study before being used. If the user can get through the concentrator, he may not be able to get through the controller to storage and manipulation. The penalty of service vs. cost is additive.

Controllers would be required at all fully equipped locaitons to ensure a disciplined use of input, output, storage and manipulation. They may be connected, depending on the amount of storage to be exchanged. Every effort should be made to keep the information static.

Switches are used to interconnect controllers when they do not need full-time interconnection. Controllers connected to a common switch can be connected to each other on an as-required basis.

Ryan is a retired DP user.

# Fraud Reporting Urged

(Continued from Page 13) and privacy problems in the detection of computer fraud also need to be treated.

The point on the software was left rather open and unexplained, but appears to deal with the question of whether copyrights provide sufficient protection for software - a knotty problem at best. The privacy question came up regarding discussion of exactly what files should be maintained and searched by auditors trying to detect fraud.

All in all, the situation appears to be that the first fundamental law

dealing with DP is about to be written into the codes of this country. What I find particularly remarkable about S.1766 is the comparative simplicity of its terms.

This country is acknowledging for the first time, how important computers are in the nation's affairs. The hearings are just beginning, so if you have any interest in the legislation's details, now is the time to contact your senator or congressman, or Sen. Ribicoff.

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# Move to Edos/VS Generally Goes Well

By Don Leavitt CW Staff

RICHMOND, VA. - Edos/VS, announced last year by The Computer Software Co. (TCSC) as the "next logical extension" of its Extended DOS (Edos), has been delivered to beta test sites. and users in both IBM 360 and 370 environments have given the product - and its vendor - generally good marks.

Eric Robertson, systems programmer and operations supervisor at Brunswick Pulp and Paper in Brunswick, Ga., began moving Edos/VS onto his IBM 370/135 in February. He is very confident about the way the conversion is

going and the benefits Brunswick expects to gain from the enhanced operating system.

Also contacted at the recent Edos users meeting here, Bud Hampton and Roy Odom of Mead Packaging in Atlanta are moving more slowly in putting Edos/VS into live production on their IBM 360/50s, but they are also generally optimistic.

There have been "a few glitches," Hampton noted, that's to be expected and there's no hurry by Mead or TCSC to push the cutover.

Like Brunswick, Mead has been an Edos user for some time, and the existing system is working well enough so no one is concerned.

Robertson said he experienced a smooth transition when he moved Edos and its workload from a 360/30 to the 135. And the move to Edos/VS earlier this year went equally well, he said, adding that production work in the evenings is already under the latest environment.

The system is running with five partitions and handling accounts payable, "wood accounting" and stores inventory.

The Proc Lib support was cited by Robertson as the best feature of the operating system, but he. also said the Auto IPL is "great

for programmers coming in to work on weekends.

Robertson has found some problems in moving F Level Assembler subroutines to the new environment, apparently because of some change in the communications region, he said, but even this didn't strike him as a serious flaw.

# Tricky Teleprocessing

Down at Mead, Hampton said one of the more significant problems he's encountered has been in his attempts at remote processing. With the initial Edos/VS distribution tape, "Btam and all teleprocessing crash" except in background. On the other hand, TCSC has said it now has a Btam fix ready, so he has hopes the problem is solved.

Hampton has been somewhat frustrated that Docs - which replaces a console typewriter with a CRT - won't work under Edos/VS and that its replacement -Asynchronous Operator Support - doesn't include job status

displays.

But good features were much more on his mind as he discussed his situation. Auto IPL and the extended Proc Lib support are "far ahead of what IBM offers in OS," he said.

# Wang VS Gets Accounting Modules

LOWELL, Mass. - Described as "one of the most interactive accounting systems available," a modular software package has been introduced by Wang Laboratories, Inc. for use on the Wang VS computer announced last fall.

An accounts receivable system is ready now. Accounts payable should be ready later this month and deliveries of the order entry, general ledger and payroll systems should start in August, September and October, respectively, a spokesman said.

Developed by MCBA of Los Angeles, the software "takes advantage of the Wang VS' extremely high level of interactivity" to shorten the learning curve and to simplify data entry. A single entry updates all appropriate records, making current information immediately available, the spokesman noted.

The modules reflect current approaches to the applications. The accounts receivable subsystem, for example, supports both open item and balance forward accounting, with the choice applicable by customer under user

The order entry module "naturally" includes inventory control and back-order processing, the spokesman said, and the payroll subsystem includes handling of taxes in multiple states and at multiple levels of taxing jurisdictions, from federal and state down to county and city, where applicable.

As with most payroll systems, this one is kept current - by MCBA.

Written in structured Cobol,

the accounting software can be run on Wang's minimum VS configuration with a 64K-byte memory and 10M-byte disk system supporting a single CRT.

The individual accounting applications are being made available through Wang's distributors and should cost no more than \$5,000 each, including "some for individual modifications" users, Wang said from One Industrial Ave., Lowell, Mass.

# Panexec' Adapted to De Setting

OAK BROOK, Ill. - A DOS version of Panexec, the executable program library management system now available from Pansophic Systems, Inc., gives users "virtually every beneficial feature" of IBM's OS merely by implementing the system, according to a Pansophic spokesman.

One of the most significant components of Panexec, he claimed, is the linkage editor that enables DOS users to perform some OS-like link-edit functions. But other link features are also unique to Panexec, he said.

compression technique that eliminates defined storage areas to utilize disk space more effi-

ciently. DOS Panexec is said to capture 154 items of information - such as the names of all object modules linked to create an executable phase - and to provide a retrieval system, based on the company's Easytrieve package, to extract and study the data.

Source and executable crossreference reports make it easy to Oak Brook, Ill. 60521.

For example, the Panexec link- track problems in production age editor employs a program programs, the spokesman asserted.

> In contrast with IBM's conventional DOS. DOS Panexec has partition-independent file access capabilities. "Significant" improvements result because the user can have concurrent load functions to and from any partition, he continued.

> The DOS Panexec costs \$18,000 or \$550/mo, Pansophic said from 709 Enterprise Drive,

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# Batch and Interactive

# More Systems Gain SPSS Versions

CHICAGO - Social scientists gained ing to an SPSS spokesman. The cona broader range of equipment on which to analyze their work as SPSS, Inc. made two additions to the repertoire of machines that can handle its Statistical Programs for the Social Sciences (SPSS) package.

versational version of the system (SCSS), already implemented on Digital Equipment Corp. Decsystem-20s, has been adapted to the Decsystem-10 as well, he said.

Listed as Release 7.2 of the G version The batch version of SPSS has been of the batch system, the Univac impleadapted to run on Univac 90 series mentation requires a 128K machine. systems, including the recently announced 90/40, under OS/3, accord-370 SPSS are supported, the spokes-

woman noted, except the ARCHIVE, MERGE FILE and SORT CASES com-

In addition to the IBM and Univac mainframes, SPSS has also been run on DEC PDP-11s, Harris Corp. Slash 4 and Slash 7, Hewlett-Packard Co. 2000 and Interdata 7/32 and 8/32 minicomputers, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, Release 2.2 of the conversational system requires "less than 70 pages" of memory on the Decsystem-10 and contains six major statistical procedures, he said.

Frequency tabulations; n-way crosstabulations; descriptions of subpopulations including means, sums, standard deviations and variances; correlation; partial correlation; and multiple linear regression with forward, backward, true stepwise and direct solution methods are all built into the package,

A file definition subsystem facilities to list attributes of data files and variables and facilities to create, revise or delete variables, to direct system output to off-line devices and to format the output to a variety of terminals are also available, the spokesman said.

SPSS for Univac gear costs \$5,000 (\$1,500 for nonprofit users, \$1,000 for academics), while SCSS for the Decsystem-10 costs \$4,000 (\$1,500 and \$1,000), he said from Suite 3300, 44 N. Michigan ave., Chicago, Ill.

# **Purchase Order Control** Added to 'Accounting IV'

WOODLAND, HILLS, Calif. - A ceiving and billing irregularities; and (POCM) introduced by Informatics, Inc. as an extension to its Accounting IV/Accounts Payable system is said to provide accounting and procurement organizations with a "greatly im-proved level of control" over the procurement process.

The basic system is capable of supporting multiple companies and processing all combinations of automatic payment, cash accounting or accrual account methods in one execution. The key module - the Monitor - retains options which include desired reports, accounting methods, forms control and integration techniques, a spokesman said.

Major features in the POCM include a three-way match of the purchase orders, receiving documents and vendor invoices; exception reporting of re-

Purchase Order Commitment Module recognition and projection of cash requirements from the point of commitment, he explained.

The module fully integrates with the previous software through the creation of vouchers from vendor invoice, purchase order and receiving information, he said. It optionally generates purchase accruals for items received but not yet billed and enters them directly into the Accounting IV/General Ledger system.

With the module, the user can maintain the status of open purchase orders from a variety of perspectives, through a series of standard reports. On the other hand, the system, written in Cobol and costing \$13,000 in the U.S. and Canada, also includes a report writer facility for unique work.

Informatics is at 21031 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364.

# 'Clue' Supports 360, 370 Usage

BETHESDA, Md. - The Compiler Language Utility Extension (Clue) package, introduced by U.S. Robots, Inc., was designed to provide IBM 360 and 370 OS programmers working in any language with access to system facilities previously accessible only through Assembly language coding.

Clue is composed of reentrant modules written in Assembly language with standard OS linkage conventions. In general, each deals with system functions or with general programming problems that confront the user, a spokesman said.

Examples include cataloging, uncataloging and renaming a data set; determining the amount of space left on a disk volume; attaching and detaching subtasks; reading and writing members of a partitioned data set; and abending a task or step.

General utility functions perform right and left justification of character strings, condense multiple spaces, locate the last nonblank character in an area and edit on-line terminal control characters, the spokesman continued.

Currently, more than 30 programs are available as part of the package and a list of additional considerations is under development, he added. Purchasers will receive all extensions and enhancements at no charge other than the 10% optional annual maintance fee offered after the first year.

The package is available on a perpetual lease basis for \$3,000, which includes a one-year warranty. U.S. Robots is at 4901 Fairmont Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20014.

# 'FL/1' Eases File Handling

DON MILLS, Ont. - A file utility and reporting package said to combine various features of Cobol, PL/ I, RPG and Assembler for IBM 360 and 370 and Univac 9400/9700 and 90 series programmers is available from Charco Consultants Ltd.

The FL/1 file utility and report writer combines file-handling capabilities such as automatic file merges, concatenation and device independence with report writing facilities, according to a spokesman.

FL/1 can access most commercial data base management systems including IBM;s Bomp/Dbomp, DL/1 and IMS, as well as Cincom Systems, Inc.'s Total, he noted.

The package can be used with or without record layouts, the spokesman continued. It allows access to operating system-defined information such as record sizes, error codes and file audit trails.

FL/1's language includes all arithmetic operations, class test conditions, nested IF statements, structured coding verbs, automatic data type conversion and numeric checks on all arithmetic operations, the spokesman said. All exception conditions are annotated within the program.

The package, a "load-and-go" system, requires a minimum 64K bytes of storage, he added.

FL/1 sells for \$7,200, with enhancements and maintenance charges additional. Charco Consultants is at Suite 17, 1262 Don Mills Road, Don Mills, Ont. Can. M3B

# 'UCC Fifteen' Now Backs 3850

DALLAS - Version 4.1 of the UCC Fifteen Job Recovery Management System from University Computing Co. (UCC) provides support for IBM 3850 mass storage devices.

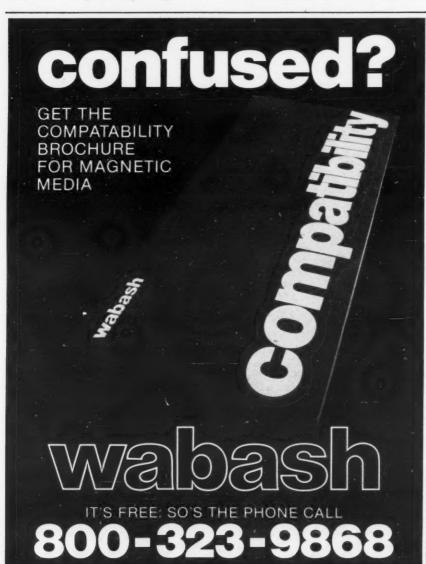
It also offers more flexible options for assuring that production JCL isn't changed without a corresponding change in the UCC Fifteen data base, according to a spokeswoman.

The basic UCC Fifteen package was described as an automated means of handling jobs in an IBM OS or VS environment which need to be restarted or rerun for any reason, eliminating manual procedures.

With Version 4.1, the user can decide if additional generation data group (GDG) data sets are to be allowed on a rerun or restart condition. The user then has the option of abending the job or generating a report showing which additional GDGs were allowed,

Version 4.1 is said to offer complete support of the IBM 3850 mass storage device; UCC Fifteen will now mount mass storage volumes to scratch and uncatalog the unwanted data sets, the spokeswoman explained.

Ready for delivery now, enhanced UCC Fifteen costs \$9,250. It is also available under a 36-month full payout lease for \$360/mo, UCC said from 8303 Elmbrook Drive, Dallas, Texas 75247.





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# Not So Mini Anymore - Part 1

# Improving Software Puts New Light on Minis

By Don Leavitt CW Staff

Minis aren't so mini anymore. Whether that statement alludes to the increased power and capabilities of minicomputers or to the no-longer inaccessible, no-longer almighty position of mainframes is a moot point. Minis aren't really just minis anymore. There has been a migration of applications from the mainframes to the minis for several years. And it's growing.

As mainframe users become more used to the idea of mixing vendors within individual, integrated processor systems, the idea of turning to other vendors for complete minisystems which are to be part of distributed processing networks, used as on-line transaction systems, used for offloading the mainframes or for use in program development - is not nearly as foreboding a prospect today as the mixed-vendor idea was in the '60s.

People believe mini hardware is powerful and inexpensive. We all have heard and believe that hardware costs are continually going down and that minis represent the way to realize hardware savings.

But what about software? Is the software any good? Does it provide the same capabilities to which the user is accustomed on his mainframe? Will he need high-powered system designers and programmers to design and produce many of the tools the mainframes provide?

Will the Cobol programmers be able to interface directly with these machines or will they need to learn another language, new protocols and so forth? Is the computer architecture or programming language(s) similar to what he is familiar with and are appli-

cation programs "portable"?
Those are real worries, and in the past they were real problems. But today there are solutions to these problems and every day minicomputers become a more viable solution for commercial business problems. Answers to the questions posed above are more than encouraging - they are exciting, for in several instances, the mini today outperforms the mainframe!

# **Getting Better**

The software is good and getting better. In some cases, mini software provides tools the business user doesn't have on mainframes.

OEM expertise is no longer the only way to utilize minis effectively. Cobol application programs will be tested, debugged and placed into production without the programmer having to know he's now dealing with a minicomputer.

The engineering orientation previously associated with minicomputer manufacturers has been influenced and changed by the people who market these products. The tremendous potential in the commercial business DP arena is recognized by minimakers.

The changing orientation of the manufacturers has allowed them to address the concerns and requirements of the commercial business world. The fact that mini manufacturers are "late" in the business software area in some respects is an advantage! They are able to observe and avoid the design and implementation errors of others.

They've learned from the experiences of the mainframers, and the user benefits. Very good file management methods have evolved on the mini-computers and excellent program development software is available.

Minicomputers, which traditionally operated in real-time environments, are providing on-line, multiterminal, multiprocessing transaction-oriented support for users having only Cobol programmers. Packaged and turnkey systems are being offered to put the user at ease and to remove him from the OEM environment where pieces are sold separately and often not "offthe-shelf

Everyone is conscious of the rising cost of labor. Minicomputer manufacturers recognize that the only way to minimize software development costs for both commercial business and OEM users is by offering more enduser-oriented software tools.

Software is highly important to the user trying to present a good return on investment for a proposed system. Equally important is the ease of learning how to work with a new system and what the project of conversion effort will cost - in time as well as money

Finally, the mainframe user is keenly aware of the service he has received both in hardware and software. The user contemplating use of minis expects the rapid response to which he is accustomed.

Minicomputer manufacturers have begun addressing these problems successfully with standard contracts, first-shift response capabilities and customer-oriented services that include pre-installation planning, startup assistance, on-site service personnel and various other "mainframelike" services.

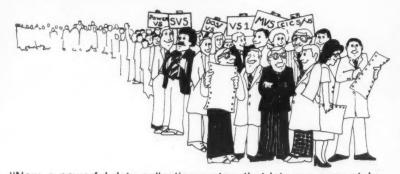
Truly, minis aren't so mini anymore. Just as their hardware capabilities caught up with those of the mainframe, now minicomputer software service capabilities are also maturing.

In the next several weeks, a series of articles will examine many facets of minicomputer software. In some instances, these capabilities will be compared with services available to the mainframe user in the commercial business environment. The series will look at CICS-like transaction processing packages.

Following that will be a discussion of the on-line program development features offered with the multiterminal support packages. Next, the series will take a close look at microcoding, various languages and utilities and the strengths of minicomputer operating systems.

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# Semi-Automated Scheduler **Eases DP Center Planning**

COSTA MESA, Calif. - Simplifying the operational scheduling of a DP center but leaving most of the data gathering up to the user, the Jobsched package from Management Systems Corp. is currently in use on Burroughs Corp., IBM and Univac systems, according to a spokesman.

Written and distributed in ANS Cobol, the package works with userprovided descriptions of what runs have to be run and when, including day of the week, day or date during the month and time of day.

Time to start production and deadline for completion can be included in the input, the spokesman noted. From all that information the system produces a printout showing the time and order in which jobs should be run on any given day of the month.

Jobsched is a simplistic tool, he ad-

mitted. The user must determine job dependencies and set times on the input cards so the proper run sequences can be maintained.

Despite its basic simplicity, however, Jobsched reportedly has enough sophistication to adapt the generated schedule to actual conditions perhaps unanticipated by the user. Work normally to be run on a Monday, for example, will be moved to another day normally the next day - if the Monday is a holiday.

The format of the printed schedule is determined by the user and new input can be prepared and entered without disturbing the basic system, the spokesman said.

The package, including source code, is available for \$995 from the vendor at 3198 "B" Airport Loop Drive, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92626.

# FP Package Runs on Novas

software package now available from makes up for that" by saving the two Complete Computer Systems is said to chassis slots required by the hardware provide double precision support for version. any Data General Corp. Nova or compatible minicomputer and at a 300% dollar savings over DG's hardware version.

Available on both magnetic and paper tape, the Floating Point Utility (FPU) occupies 2,500 more bytes than the software accompanying DG's double precision product. But, a spokes-

HORSHAM, Pa. - A floating point man claimed, the package "more than

# 14-Place Precision

Use of the Complete facility permits a minimum of 14-place precision in numeric operations, he asserted. FPU, including documentation, is available under license for a one-time charge of \$1,000, the vendor said from 159 Gibraltar Road, Horsham, Pa. 19044.

# Packages Keep Work on Time at Navy Center

Special to CW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - One of six such facilities in the country, the Navy Regional Data Automation Center here provides DP services to the U.S. Navy in the Capitol region. Staffed by some 2,000 people working in three shifts six days a week, the facility is equipped with 10 large-scale IBM, Univac and Honeywell Information Systems, Inc. mainframes

Scheduling for the IBM systems - a 370/165 and a 360/65 using shared disks under MVT and Hasp - was becoming more of a challenge, according to Charles Bridges, production control officer for that part of the center.

We would have a list of the jobs that had to be accomplished, but no accurate idea of what a good mix would be," he recalled. "The jobs got in and the jobs got out, but there was no way of seeing if this was the optimum procedure.

"Nor was there any way to project peak loads or show management the trade-offs that would be possible if jobs were processed in a different priority sequence, Bridges continued. "It's one thing to say arbitrarily that a certain job has to be done four hours earlier if it is to be completed when required, but we wanted a system under which, by assigning jobs certain priorities and processing them in this specific sequence, we could demonstrate what could be achieved within the specified time limits," he added.

# Scheduling System

The first step toward realizing this goal was the introduction about two years ago of the Data Center Scheduling System from Value Computing, Inc. (VCI). The data base for the system is created from information that is produced and automatically logged by the current operating system.

This keeps the data base current by reflecting changes in run time, additional programs and changes in program and hardware, Bridges noted.

Once the scheduling data base was loaded, resource requirements were added to the job profiles, as were dueout times, concurrency requirements, run frequencies and predecessor relationships.

"Each Friday, the workload planner produces schedules and projects job arrivals and processing for the following week," Bridges reported. "Thus, for each day we have a detailed roadmap showing exactly which jobs are expected and how to run each job or application.

Since the system looks ahead this way, it produces a job mix that gives best usage for the equipment. Schedulers update these projections to arrive at a final daily schedule for all on and off line processing."

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A year ago, with the scheduling system in operation, the facility then installed the Status and Revision Subsystem (Stars), an extension provided by VCI. This system takes as its primary input the detailed schedules produced by the scheduling system, provides automatic feedback on all CPU jobs and reduces the rescheduling process so realistic plans are available at all times at the facility.

Stars also addresses job tracking and status on all non-CPU work centers.

"Stars enables each operator to ask over a CRT which job he is to initiate next," Bridges stated. "It takes away the paperwork involvement, gives the operator better quality information immediately and provides leeway for the superior operator.

"The two shift administrators use it cialists are required to enter manual regularly, but each operator has access to it. "It's a flexible real-time status system as opposed to a static hardcopy report," he explained.

## Labor-Intensive Tools

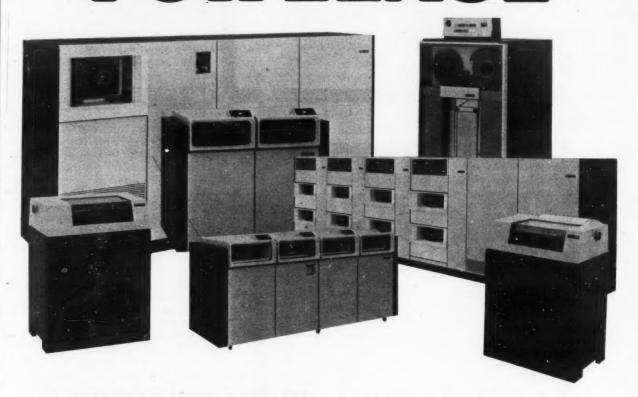
In addition to immediate scheduling and information benefits, the system and its enhancement are alerting the facility to problems that may arise. "It's a management tool that enables you to look ahead and to plan for more effective performance," Bridges said.

On the other hand, he added recently, both the scheduling system and Stars are more labor-intensive than many people imagine. As workloads change - and the center is experiencing a 50% increase each year - at least two spechanges.

These include changes in the dependency patterns among programs and JCL procedure changes, he said. Although JCL seems straightforward, "one of our people has to review each change to determine how it will impact the system.

The center is currently installing VCI's Apollo package, which releases JCL according to predetermined criteria. With this latest acquisition, Bridges is now receiving update tapes from the vendor about every three weeks, and installing them costs manpower, too. But it's worth it, he said, noting the advantages provided by the packages more than offset the effort needed to keep up with them.

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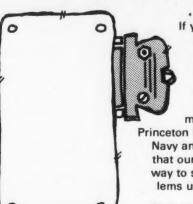
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# Study Finds Employers With Rigid Hiring Rules May Lose Promising DPers

By Jack M. Wolfe Special to CW

Although there is a growing pattern of businesses looking for people with a college degree as a prerequisite for programming work, and a degree in computer science as an optimal prerequisite, there is also evidence that such a background is not necessarily a guarantee of success in the field.

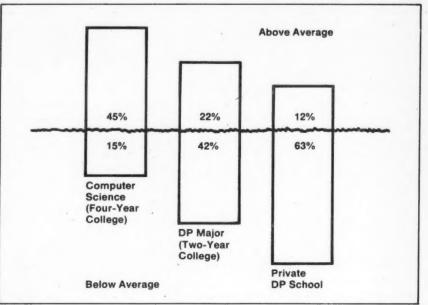
It's been said before, but bears repeating, that a range of factors has to be considered in screening job candidates. Programming talent is where you find it, but sometimes it takes

some digging.
For example, in 1977 the Aptitude
Assessment Battery: Programming Test - an evaluation tool developed more than 19 years ago and validated

tom 15% of the more highly trained computer science graduates

Even if the employer eliminates from further consideration those computer science graduates with below average performance on its screening aptitude test, but limits his recruits to the best group, that is, the computer science group, he will have let the most superior applicants from the other groups slip through his fingers. This is neither in the best interests of the company nor fair to the applicants, some of whom have the mental attributes for successful work in programming.

To ensure that the best candidates are not overlooked just because of their educational background, I believe it would be wise for a company to select trainees from the three groups in ap-



Members of all three groups scored above average in the test, according to Wolfe's 1977 study.

by a federal agency in 1974 - was administered to 465 persons with computer-oriented educations. The test was given in 65 companies and government agencies, 49 in the U.S. and 16 in Canada.

The figure above shows the percentages rated above and below average from the three groups illustrated. The persons included in this study had just completed their computer-oriented education and were applying for their first position in programming.

The computer science majors with a regular four-year degree showed a higher potential for successful programming work than the graduates of two-year community colleges who had specialized in DP. The latter, in turn, showed better potential than those who had completed a course of study at a private DP school.

The personnel officer must be very careful, however, in interpreting these results. There is substantial overlapping in the capabilities of the persons in these three groups.

Although the four-year computer science group is far superior to the private DP school group when considered as groups, 15% of the superior group were not recommended for employment. More than one-third of the private DP school group showed better performance on the test than the botproximately the same proportion as the group members scored above average in the 1977 test.

For example, a company about to start a training class with, say, 10 trainees having prior education but no work experience in programming should use its screening procedures to select the top six applicants of those with a four-year degree and a major in computer science; the top three persons of those with a two-year degree in DP; and the top individual applicant who completed a course of study at a private DP school.

In some cases, of course, the proportional number of applicants from any group may not be hired because of the requirements of the screening test. In such cases, the standards of the company should be maintained and the additional applicants should be chosen from the groups that do have qualified applicants.

In summary: No one group with a specific educational background has a monopoly on computer talent, although some groups have more of it

than others.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

# Terminal Vendors Lack Software, Users Report

By Ronald A. Frank

CW Staff

DELRAN, N.J. — Users of CRT terminals feel that software and technical support is one of the weakest areas of terminal vendors.

This was one of the conclusions of a recent Datapro Research Corp. study on alphanumeric display terminals.

The survey was based on 742 responses rating 20,000 installed terminals. Weighted averages were assigned to IBM displays and non-IBM displays, although the general level of satisfaction was about the same regardless of vendor.

In the IBM category, overall performance, ease of operation, keyboard usability, hardware reliability and maintenance all scored 3.4 out of a possible 4. Software and technical support and display clarity were rated 3.1

Non-IBM displays rated somewhat lower with performance, operation and display clarity receiving 3.3. Hardware reliability had a 3.2 score and keyboard usability was rated 3.1 with maintenance at 3. Software and technical support was lowest at 2.7, according to the survey.

In the rating of overall performance according to vendor, five firms scored a 3.7. These were Datamedia Corp., Genesis One Computer Corp., Raytheon Data Systems Co., Teletype Corp. and Teleray. Three vendors — Control Data Corp., Omron Electronics, Inc. and Trivex, Inc. — were close behind with a 3.6, while four suppliers — Datapoint Corp., Honeywell Information Systems, Inc., IBM and Lear Siegler, Inc. — scored 3.4.

It should be pointed out that responses for IBM equipment totaled 244, while all other vendors had fewer than 25 responses, each. CDC, Omron and Trivex were represented by five responses.

In type of usage, 68% of the respondents said they had at least some terminals operating remotely via communications lines. But 66% said they also had directly connected CRTs operating in local mode to a CPU. Terminal access to a central data base was a characteristic of 66% of the CRTs.

Those users who used their CRTs as plug-compatible replacements fell mostly into two categories. About 33% said their terminals were replacements for the IBM 3270/3275 and 23% said they were replacing Model 33 and Model 35 Teletype units.

The complete report, "All About Alphanumeric Display Terminals," is available for \$12 from Datapro Research Corp., 1805 Underwood Blvd., Delran, N.J. 08075.

# Firm Using PBX, Switch

# Least-Cost Routing Saves \$133,000/Year

Special to CW

ST. LOUIS — Kellwood Co., a manufacturer of consumer products, has for the past four years routed all data as well as voice traffic through PBX telephone systems, and for the last 18 months, that data has also been routed through a long distance control system at speeds of 4,800 bit/sec to 9,600 bit/sec with no quality degradation and with significant cost savings.

"More than 40% of our long-distance usage stems from data transmissions between our various facilities," Kerry Stewart, Kellwood's telecommunications manager, said. "Being able to transmit our data traffic over the same least-cost facilities that we use for voice traffic has allowed us to save \$70,000 in the first year alone.

"Now with the Datapoint Corp. Infoswitch control system we have cut our costs an additional \$63,000 per year," he said.

Stewart dismissed the idea of having separate telecommunications networks for voice and data traffic as an unnecessary and redundant expense. "As far as I am concerned, with today's modems, there is no good reason a company cannot route all telecommunications traffic through a PBX and a least-cost routing switch to take advantage of economies of scale. Normally, if you can talk on it, you can transmit on it.

"Much of our data traffic occurs at night, which lets us get high usage out of our Wats lines. For example, with Infoswitch's help at 'packing,' we have achieved as much as 435 hours usage on one of our Wats lines. We normally average 230 to 250 hours per trunk on our full business day Wats circuits," he reported.

In May of 1978, for example, Kellwood transmitted data for a total of 938 hours, or 8,790 data calls. This amounted to 45% of the total telecommunications usage.

# PBX Use Satisfactory

"And there is no problem transmitting at the high speeds we require because of our Stromberg Carlson PBX and the Infoswitch," Stewart added. "We recently began transmitting at 9,600 bit/sec using a two-call dial-up procedure. The only problem was a minor data terminal software problem, which was resolved by the terminal vendor.

"Most people are afraid to transmit data through a PBX. They often are told by their vendors, as we were, to use separate Wats facilities or conditioned private-line circuits to transmit data. We decided to try transmitting through Stromberg Carlson E120 and Crossreed 800 PBX systems anyway and have had no problems for the last four years."

Kellwood's data communications network provides communications between Mohawk Data Sciences Corp. 2400 systems at 27 remote divisional offices and a Mohawk 2400 at Kellwood's headquarters in St. Louis, Mo. Data is then gathered on tape and run on Kellwood's IBM 370/158. This telecommunications network provides Kellwood with a centralized DP system including payroll, accounting and raw material inventory control. Because Kellwood is the largest supplier of soft goods to Sears, Roebuck and Co., the IBM 370/158 communicates with Sears' IBM 370s in Chicago. The information transmitted lets Kellwood automatically produce shipping tickets to fill Sears' orders.

"Telecommunications is essential to the day-to-day operation of this company," Stewart said. "That's why it is essential that we try to save as much money in that area as possible. A great money saver is the routing of data traffic through the PBX instead of dedicated lines. A second money saver is the Infoswitch system."

The Infoswitch combines voice and data

traffic over the same low-cost lines, controlling access, automatically queuing and selecting the least-cost route for every call and individualizing the billing for all longdistance facilities usage.

The system is compatible with any standard PBX or Centrex facility. While the system installed at Kellwood handles as many as 13 outgoing telephone trunks, Infoswitch systems can be configured to accommodate anywhere from six to 83 outgoing trunks.

The Infoswitch system installed at Kellwood consists of a Datapoint business computer with 48K of user memory, a 5M-byte cartridge disk unit for program and accounting data storage, an 80 char./sec Datapoint Freedom printer for permanent copy report generation, an intelligent real-time controller that manages all the details of call placement and a magnetically latching reed relay matrix for telephone line interfacing and switching.

and switching.

"The reed-relay technology used in the Infoswitch system ensures there is no decibel loss when data is put through the switch," Stewart said. "Therefore, we did not have any data transmission problems when the Infoswitch was installed.

"Our experience proves that data and voice (Continued on Page 22)

# Two Protocols Back V77 Use In Nets With Univac Hosts

BLUE BELL, Pa. — Univac has begun to integrate the capabilities of Varian minicomputers (now owned by Univac) with its mainframe systems with the introduction of two communications protocols for the V77 processor series.

Support has been added to allow Uniscope terminals and software to operate with the V77 in distributed systems that can also communicate with Univac host CPUs. The Univac 1004 remote-batch protocol capability allows the V77 to be linked to distributed networks that include both V77s and host CPUs, the firm said.

The hardware and software base provide the means by which interactive and batch processing can be performed locally. In a distributed environment, users and applications can be linked to remote hosts interactively or in a batch mode.

The protocols operate with the generalpurpose transaction monitor Pronto, which runs under the Univac Vortex II multitasking operating system, enabling a user to run multiple real-time tasks and a batch job stream simultaneously. Pronto has been installed in networks using IBM 3270 protocols, operating as V77 networks and as stand-alone transaction processing systems.

In conjunction with Pronto, Vortex II supports a number of systems software packages including Cincom Systems, Inc.'s Total, a data base management package. Also supported are Cobol, Fortran and RPG-II compilers

The V77 also has a large instruction set with special instructions for processing bytes and multiple words; a 190-nsec writable control store for Fortran and Cobol/Total firmware accelerators, and user microprogramming.

The Pronto software adds Uniscope capability to the earlier IBM 3270 capability. The Univac access module costs \$6,000.

# CA Offers Front-End Micros for Syfa Systems

IRVINE, Calif. — A family of five front-end microprocessors designed to further distribute intelligence within the Virtual Network system has been unveiled by the Commercial Systems Division of Computer Automation, Inc.

Called the Syfa Microboosters, these front-end processors were originally introduced as integral components of the company's recently announced Virtual Network architecture. The company is now "unbundling" the Microboosters, making the units available for use on earlier Syfa systems. This is said to provide modularity to facilitate the phased implementation of the Virtual Network architecture.

The Microboosters increase the number of peripheral devices supported. The number of terminals supported has increased from 24 to 32, the number of line printers has doubled from two to four and the number of synchronous communications lines has increased from one to two, according to a spokesman.

The family includes the asynchronous Microbooster, the line printer Microbooster, the bisynchronous Microbooster, the Synchronous Data Link Control (SDLC) Microbooster and the distributed data base Microbooster. Each unit is equipped with 16K of dedicated random-access memory.

Spooled line printer support is doubled by the line printer Microbooster, which offloads line formatting, space decompression and insertion and tabulating functions from the Syfa processor, CA added.

# Switch Cuts Firm's Costs

(Continued from Page 21) traffic can be centralized over the same PBX and intelligent system regardless of what a telco representative or computer representative might say," he added.

"If there is a problem, users should check the transmit levels of the modem, as there is a 2 db loss when a telephone company data access arrangement is used. If this problem does occur, quite simply, the user can make the modem talk louder," he advised.



The bisynchronous Microbooster, when used in combination with emulation software executed in the Syfa network processor's main memory, reportedly makes the system appear to a mainframe as any one of four terminal devices: an IBM 3270, IBM 2780, IBM 3780 or IBM Hasp/20 workstation.

The SDLC Microbooster provides Syfa users with full Systems Network Architec-

ture (SNA)/SDLC in a 3790 communications compatible mode This Microbooster approach to SDLC, CA said, permits the firm to emulate future SNA products by writing additional emulation software to operate in conjunction with the SDLC Microbooster. The Microbooster performs bit stuffing, cyclic redundancy and message framing functions, with transmission speeds to 9,600 bit/sec in full-

duplex operation.

The distributed data base Microbooster provides a second synchronous communications link, thereby serving as the interface between the Syfa network processor and the Virtual Network, utilizing X.25 communications protocol. Virtual Network architecture interconnects geographically distributed data bases of an entire Syfa network, making all data files available to

any Syfa processor, CA said.

The bisynchronous Microbooster, line printer Microbooster, SDLC Microbooster, distributed data base Microbooster and eight-port asynchronous Microbooster sell for \$7,500 each. The basic eight-port asynchronous Microbooster can be expanded to 32 terminal ports in eight-port increments.

CA is at 18651 Von Karman, Irvine, Calif. 92713.

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With the help of a high-speed microprocessor, Hewlett-Packard combines exceptional performance and convenience in a new low-cost printer and printing terminal.

The HP 2631A printer and HP 2635A printing terminal with alphanumeric keyboard are the first members of a new Hewlett-Packard family of hard copy terminals.

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Long lasting, quick change print head saves service calls. The 9 wire print head is conservatively rated at a 100 million character life-span. It's also self-aligning. When you finally replace the head, you can do it yourself in a couple of minutes.

Long-life cartridge ribbon for a clean change. With a life span of at least 10 million characters, this innovative drop-in cartridge takes the mess and trouble out of ribbon changes.



Self-test for quick status checks. One key tells you if the printer is ready to go. If it isn't, the self-test feature helps you isolate the problem, reducing the time and cost for repairs.

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# With Independent Page Protection

# Lear Siegler Adds Micro-Based, Smart CRTs

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Two microprocessor-based, intelligent CRT terminals have been introduced by Lear Siegler, Inc.'s Data Products Division.

The ADM-31 offers two 1,920-character pages of CRT display, each with independent data and format protection characteristics. If the operator changes to another page, a page's attributes are

stored in memory and recalled as they were when that page is later readdressed, according to a spokesman.

The ADM-31 is selfcontained and comes equipped with keyboard, control logic, character generator, refresh memory and interface.

The keyboard is said to be integrated with main logic and able to generate a full 128 As-

cii character set, including upper and lower case alphas, numerics, punctuation and control characters. It features numeric keypad with period, comma, tab, minus and numerals arranged in calculator format.

The ADM-31's editing capabilities allow the user to clear the screen or use a destructive cursor for character change. A

read and load cursor permits sensing of the current address and direct, absolute addressing to any page and any X-Y coordinate, the vendor said.

Besides storing control characters, the ADM-31 allows the operator to skip protected fields, backspace, move up, move down, return and reach a new line, the firm added.

The ADM-31 features a

high-resolution, 12-in. diagonal CRT screen able to depict 24 lines of 80 characters in a 7 by 9 dot matrix, the spokesman said. Supporting transmission rates ranging from 50- to 9,600 bit/sec and upwardly compatible with LSI's earlier Model ADM-1A, the ADM-31 costs \$1,450.

# **Eight Pages of Memory**

The second terminal unveiled was the ADM-42, which features up to eight pages of memory, 16 function keys and added flexibility in formatting, editing, interfacing and transmission, according to the spokesman.

The ADM-42 comes standard with two 1,920-character pages of memory optionally expandable to eight pages in two-page increments. All pages have independent protection similar to that of the ADM-31, the firm indicated.

The ADM-42 features a detachable keyboard with upper and lower case alphas, numerics, punctuation, control, numeric keypad and 16 function keys as standard. The function keys are shiftable to initiate 32 specific functions external to the terminal; programmable function keys are available as an option.

# Three Ways to Tab

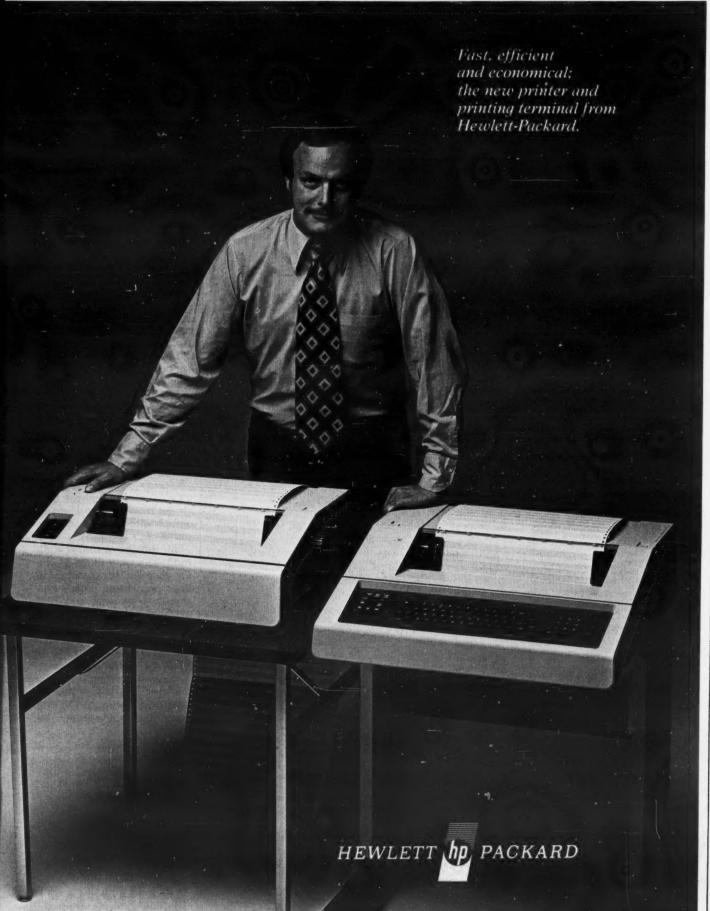
The ADM-42 also gives the operator three ways to tab: a protection mode that tabs to the first unprotected space; a modulo tab to be set at any number from one to 79; and a columnar tab equivalent to that on a standard typewriter.

The terminal features a high resolution, 15-in. diagonal CRT screen depicting data in 24 lines of 80 characters using a 7 by 9 dot matrix. A 25th line is provided for terminal status indicators and messages of up to 79 characters, the firm added.

Upwardly compatible with the earlier Model ADM-2 and reportedly preprogrammed for compatibility with standard CPUs, the ADM-42 costs \$1,795.

Lear Siegler's Data Products Division is at 714 N. Brookhurst, Anaheim, Calif. 92803.





# Unit Gives 360, 370 Remote Batch Capability

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -The Datapoint Corp. Attached Support Processor (DASP) is said to allow IBM 360 and 370 and equivalent computers which lack teleprocessing features to engage in remote batch telecommunications.

The processor permits an application now executable on an IBM 360 or 370 to be submitted to it for processing by a Datapoint CPU via telephone

line from a distant location, a spokesman explained.

DASP requires no IBM teleprocessing hardware or software and imposes no telecommunications or disk retrieval overhead on the IBM system to which it attaches, the firm said. Most jobs reportedly execute faster using DASP than when submitted to an IBM system through its own input

DASP, which appears to the

reader, card punch, card reader/punch, line printer and alternate system console, can handle thousands of records per minute compared with standard card readers, which typically process no more than 500 records per minute, Datapoint claimed.

### **Four Phone Lines**

Comprised of both hardware software components,

IBM system as an IBM card DASP performs batch teleprocessing functions by simultaneously controlling up to four telephone lines from remote locations. Operating at speeds of up to 9,600 bit/sec, the processor receives and spools incoming job requests onto its own cartridge disk storage.

> This data is then submitted by DASP through the byte multiplexer channel of the IBM mainframe for process-

Since the four telephone lines managed by DASP can be any combination of multipoint, leased point-to-point or direct dial facilities, any number of remote sites can be accommodated.

Remote jobs may be submitted or completed jobs retrieved through DASP when the IBM system is engaged in other work or even when it is completely off-line, he claimed. To remote users, an IBM system equipped with DASP appears to be in operation and ready to receive work at all times.

DASP systems are available with various disk storage capabilities, ranging up to 160M bytes. A DASP consisting of a Datapoint Advanced Business Processor, 5M bytes of cartridge disk storage, a channel adapter and all DASP software can be purchased for \$37,500.

The same system leases for \$1,044/mo on a three-year basis from Datapoint at 9725 Datapoint Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78284.

# I/O System **Uses Cards**

HORSHAM, Pa. - A punched card I/O subsystem for communications terminals, CPUs and data entry systems has been introduced by Decision Data Computer Corp.

The CS 780-4 is said to print from 80- or 96-column cards at speeds up to 900 line/min, functioning as an I/O unit, remote batch or remote job entry terminal for a variety of systems.

Software modifications, extra modems or telephone lines are not required for a direct interface with a CPU, the firm added.

The subsystem connects directly to a controlling processor through its communications port, using binary syn-chronous protocol and IBM 2780 emulation.

The CS 780-4 ranges in price from \$10,650 to \$10,950; it can be rented for \$292 to \$410/mo including maintenance, depending on the model and contract terms.

Decision Data is at 100 Witmer Road, Horsham, Pa. 19044.

# TI'S BUBBLE MEMORY TERMINALS One goes to market, one stays home.

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Meanwhile, back at the home



It comes standard with either a TTY-current loop or EIA interface, permitting transmission at rates up to 9600 baud. It prints quickly and quietly, edits cleanly, and has a powerful command mode with a full set



of key functions. In short, the 763 has everything the 765 has, less the portable features. Both models save time and money, and let your customers know you mean business.

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# Third-Party IBM Gear Now Low Priced

By Howard A. Karten

CW Staff

TROY, Mich. - The thirdparty market for IBM systems and peripherals is continuing to grow at a rapid pace, offering users greatly reduced prices according to CMI Corp. here, a said. broker for third-party systems and peripherals.

Prices for IBM 370 CPUs vary 370/138s and 148s is limited, 60% of the mainframer's original

however, and those machines are selling at prices up to 80% of the original IBM list price.

The 370/135 and 155, although similarly in limited supply, are bargains, typically selling at only 35% to 40% of list, the broker

The demand for 3000 series tape and disk drives is brisk, with the tapes typically selling from 35% to 80% of IBM list for 75% to 85% of IBM list and price, CMI noted. The supply of the disk drives going for 55% to

asking price.

In comparison, the 2000 series tapes and disks are a bargain, CMI said, typically pulling in only 20% of IBM's list prices.

The older 360 series CPUs now typically sell for only 10% of list price, the broker said, with the 360/20 still in demand as a small, stand-alone unit. Contrasting with this, customers are paying a premium for IBM's latest processors, the 30 series, with very few systems available for lease in

The demand for communications equipment also continues to be strong, with Model 3270 terminals typically commanding 80% of list and the controllers for the CRTs typically going for more than 100% of list.

Although the supply of this equipment is ample, IBM's later 3278 equipment is limited and also commanding a premium over IBM list price. However, 1978 delivery from CMI on this equipment is available.

Third-party prices for System/3 equipment vary considerably, ranging from 30% to 50% of list for a Model 10 and 60% to 75% of list for a Model 12 - in ample supply — to 85% of list for a Model 15. The latter is in limited supply, the broker observed, calling it the best price/performance model in the line.

I/O gear for the System/3 is in limited supply, CMI noted, typically bringing 70% of list.

Little activity has been observed by CMI in the market for Model 8s, an ample supply there resulting in typical discounts of 50% off list prices.

The System/34 is commanding a premium, with positions available despite the high price.

# Consultant Predicts MIS Still a Few Years Away

By a CW Staff Writer

NEW YORK - Management information systems (MIS), initially touted in the 1960s but not yet achieved, will ultimately enable management to retrieve any information it wants - but not until the 1980s, according to William A. O'Brien.

The consultant on information systems and data processing with Emory Ayers Associates here recently predicted management will at last see its dream of effective, responsive information systems realized by the mid-1980s. "The stature of DP professionals will improve dramatically in their companies" when this comes about, O'Brien said.

Unlike many futurists, O'Brien sees a continuing role for large, centralized computers within organizations. While predicting that "larger computers and minicomputers will become simpler in design, more economical to use and easier for users to costjustify," he foresaw "the continuing need for the large computer and corporate [data] center for the company's main processing needs, such as processing checks, writing premium notices or imprinting utility bills."

"In addition," he said, "operating systems will be simpler and thus less wasteful of computer power.'

# 'Pseudo' On-Line Processing

Adding that terminal equipment, particularly for decentralized data collection, will come into wider play, the consultant said he anticipates decentralization of data collection will cause systems designers to "venture away from batch processing toward "pseudo' on-line processing, in which input will be processed interactively with the computer and file inquiry will be performed on files updated in a batch environment."

Accompanying these changes in hardware will be a change in the relation between the DP department and end-user departments. Users within a company will become more involved in DP activities, O'Brien said, which means they will have to accept both greater responsibility and

However, it also means members of management will become less concerned about DP because it will become less visible to them and will be better justified, O'Brien noted.

While "equipment and systems development costs will continue their downward trend," people costs will continue to rise, O'Brien predicted. In addition, he sees DP management practices and procedures worsening as users take over more of their DP functions and begin to operate their own computers.

Despite this, senior management will be more satisfied with the DP environment, since it will see a better return on investment.

# Role of DPers

In making his predictions, O'Brien indicated DP personnel will continue to play an important role in their organizations. Acting both as technical advisors to users and integrators of information systems, analysts and programmers will help define the needs of corporate users.

However, DP organizations will have to respond better to users' needs," O'Brien contended. He sees greater competition developing both outside the company, in the form of service organizations, and within the company, in the form of enduser departments with minicomputers that wish to serve other

Success for "the more exotic, industry-controlled systems, such as those employing distributed processing techniques and electronic mail," was another of O'Brien's auguries. He attributed this success to the fact that they are fully under the control of the organizations that promote these

contrast, consumercontrolled systems such as electronic funds transfer systems, are not fully controllable; therefore, he sees a more modest success for

# Caere OCR System Offers User Guidelights

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. -An optical character recognition (OCR) system featuring dual guidelights" to assist the user has been introduced by Caere

The Series 700 is available in several different configurations as a complete system with a microprocessor, housing and base, for example, or as a subsyswithout power supply, mounting brackets, cover or

The system is also available with several interfaces, including parallel, single-port serial and dual-port serial, according to a spokesman.

The Series 700 recognizes and transmits data on coded alpha and numeric documents printed in the National Retail Merchants Association (NRMA) OCR-A Size 1 type font. It features an automatic line-tracking feature to provide consistent long-line reading on first-pass scans, the spokesman noted.

Prices for the system range from \$2,000 to \$2,500, depending on options selected, from Caere at 345 E. Middlefield Road, Mountain View, Calif. 94043.

## Demand for 1130

In other areas, CMI said, demand remains strong for the older IBM 1130, although there is an ample supply of these systems and they are typically bringing in only 25% of IBM list. The supply of keypunches is

also ample, although these are going up for up to 60% of IBM

The broker sees a strong demand for both 2000 series card equipment and 1400 series card equipment. CMI attributed the limited supply in both areas to the premium prices users are currently paying for them.

Demand also continues strong for the 3000 series printers, in limited supply and typically bringing in 70% of list price.

Tape and disk drives in the 2000 series are bargains, CMI reported, generally going for 20% of list despite a limited supply of the disks. However, the tapes are said to be in ample supply.

# Any Ideas Out There?

Money is tight and getting tighter, and sometimes it doesn't look like the DP dollar will stretch any more than it already has. But many DP managers are finding ways to make their budgets go just a little bit further.

Computerworld would like to hear about those money-saving methods so it can pass them on to other users in a September Special Report on Stretching the DP Dollar. The report will cover ideas that range from saving costs on supplies and salaries to optimizing equipment use.

Readers are invited to contribute articles detailing their ideas, their experiences, their successes - and their failures - in holding down DP costs. Contributions should be typed, doublespaced, about four or five pages long and sent by Aug. 4 to Ann Dooley at CW, 797 Washington St., Newton, Mass. 02160.

# User Enthusiasm Only 'Problem'

# CPUs Give San Diego Shipbuilder Clear Sailing

By Howard A. Karten

CW Staff

SAN DIEGO - A ship builder here is using IBM 370/145 and 370/148 mainframes to assist in all phases of the design and production of the largest ships ever built on the West Coast, four 188,500-deadweight-ton oil tankers.

Not only are the systems saving time and money but - in contrast to the typical situation where there is employee resistance - the shipyard workers are hungry for more computer assistance, the company reported.

The National Steel and Shipbuilding Co. (Nassco) has four principal uses for its systems in producing the ves-

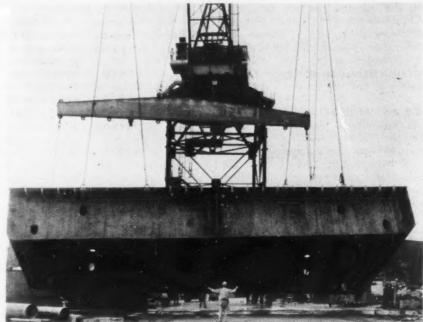
• To economize on the use of the steel plate that makes up the vessels.

To assist in the design of the ships.To keep track of the inventory of parts already produced.

 To make the paper tapes that control the actual cutting of parts from stock steel sheets.

All this is being accomplished with the 370/145 and 370/148, each with 1M byte of core memory. Nassco runs under DOS/VS, using Power/VS for spooling on the 148 and VM on the 145.

The operating system on the 145 runs both DOS/VS and OS/VS, according to Tom Furtak, manager of operations, and an IBM 3705 is attached



A camera angle makes a Nassco shipyard foreman, who was directing movement of a ship subassembly, look as if he was lifting the part. Such giant assemblies are designed using an IBM 370/145 and 148 programmed to make the assemblies fit together despite their bulk - they range up to 35 feet long and may weigh up

to the 148 to control a network of 120 Model 3270 CRTs.

The systems operate seven days a week, according to Tom Browning, manager of systems analysis and programming for the shipbuilder, but are actually used in conjunction with the

shipbuilding operation approximately five and a half days each week. It is not unusual for this use to cover 18.5 hours per day, he added.

Software development and debugging take up the remaining one and a half days each week, along with an effort currently under way to convert the company's operation from DOS to

The construction of large vessels at Nassco begins with the layout of the hulls. After a naval architect produces the initial specifications for a large vessel, these specifications are input to a software system called the Ships Production and Design System (Spades). Spades performs a process called fairing, which is a fine-tuning process that attempts to reduce the irregularities in the hull which produce drag — the friction of the hull against the wa-

Twenty years ago, prior to the widespread use of computers, fairing had to be done full-scale, in a large area called a mold loft. The use of computers in the process has several advantages: it is less time-consuming, less spaceconsuming and more accurate.

In addition, the computer is used

merely as an advisory tool; experienced craftsman can - and often do override the system.

The computer is a valuable tool for Nassco, according to Furtak, and is available about 95% of the time it is needed. To minimize the effect of the system going down, all peripherals are shared between the two systems.

However, if the network does go down, "the workers in the yard have nothing to do and, as a result, are really impacted," Furtak said. The weakest link in the system is the Pacific Bell Telephone Co. modems, he added.

# **Drafting and Burning**

Another key use of the system is in producing the actual steel shapes which are welded together to form the ship. Shipyard employees called loftsmen, working from the architectural blueprints, use the IBM 3270 terminals to define the shape of the steel parts.

Spades then uses this information to produce paper tapes used off-line in drafting and burning machines. The drafting machine, a Kongsberg plotter, draws the requested part full-scale for visual checking. If the result is satisfactory, the tape is saved for the later control of devices called plasma burners. It is these plasma burners torches capable of cutting 7.5 feet of half-inch-thick steel per minute which produce the plates.

Although the prime use of Spades is in efficient use of manpower, since labor costs more than materials. Nassco also takes advantage of the system to minimize steel waste. All aspects of computer usage are tied in to a data base, and part of this is devoted to keeping an inventory of parts ready for generation.

The process, called nesting, keeps track of pattern tapes within a specific time period. This feature enables the shipbuilder to cut the parts from a stock steel plate when they are needed, which minimizes both the time spent looking for parts prepared in advance and waste from a single plate.

Although Nassco is very pleased with the way its system is working, Furtak did report he has one problem: There's a clamoring for more and more information. One of my problems is finding more good analysts and programmers to support the users, who are so enthusiastic.

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dual-density tape drives.

The formatter is totally IBM- and Ansi-compatible, Wango claimed. Switch-selectable operating speeds range from 1.25- to 75 in./sec.

Up to three additional drives can be daisy-chained off one embedded for matter, a spokesman noted.

In OEM quantities of 100, the formatter costs \$1,237 for the NRZI model, \$1,478 for the PE version and \$1,500 for the dual-density model. First deliveries are scheduled within two months, the officials said from 5404 Jandy Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

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# Free Literature Offered

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 A bulletin describing the models R601 and R602 computing subsystems manufactured by Intronics, Inc. provides specifications and characteristics for the devices as well as applications data, block diagrams, dimensions and pinout specifications. The devices are modular units used to compute the true-RMS value of waveforms varying in frequency from DC to 1 MHz. The company is located at 57 Chapel St.,

Newton, Mass.02158. A data sheet covering the TDC-1007J video analog-to-digital integrated circuit manufactured by TRW, Inc. is available from that company. The 12-page brochure contains detailed information on using the recently introduced device, which is a 30 MHz, 8-bit device that dissipates 2W. Additional information concerns output coding, a circuit for an evaluation board and etching diagrams as well as other specifications and general notes. TRW can be reached through P.O. Box 1125, Redondo Beach, Calif. 92078.

"Installation and Maintenance of High-Resolution Optical Shaft Encoders" is the title of a report being offered by the Measurement Systems Divsion of Itek Corp., 27 Christina

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costs and improving reliability. Advice on the care and feeding of disk packs and a nontechnical discussion of the workings of disk packs and drives are included in an eight-page brochure from Nashua Corp. of Nashua, N.H. 03060.

images, company officials said, with "virtually no limit to the shape or size of the characters or images that can be produced" on the machine.

The imaging method, which the company calls an "infinite matrix principle," is said to control horizontal dot placement to .001 in. and vertical dot positioning to .0035 in. The sevenwire, impact dot matrix print head is driven by a microprocessor-based control system, according to a spokesman.

Print speed of the unit is a function of type size, desired quality and speed of the print head, the spokesman added, and can be calculated for each individual type font. For example, a 12-pitch, typewriter-quality typeface will print at approximately 36 char./ sec, while a pitch of 18 prints at 216 char./sec, the unit's maximum speed.

Additional features of the printer include a pressure friction roller for paper feed, RS-232C-compatible interfaces, 128-character Ascii input and replaceable print head. A pin-feed is also available as an option and the system can print on four-ply paper, the spokesman said.

Fourteen read-only memory chips holding up to eight type faces come with the machine, and logos and signatures can be programmed into the chips by the company, he explained.

Standard parallel and serial (RS-232C) interfaces are available on the printer, which sells for \$4,000 in units of one, or \$1,350 in OEM quantities, from the company at 5 Tinkham Ave., P.O. Box 324, Derry, N.H. 03038.

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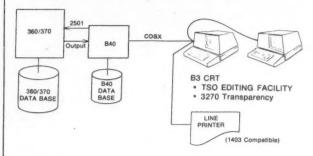
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# Multitask Typography System Has 64K Core

TETERBORO, N.J. - Core memory, a 120,000-word dictionary, CRTs, disk drives and multiple convenience features highlight a computer-based typography system introduced here by Compuscan,

Comap is a modular, interactive, multitask system for use in the word-processing industry. A 64K core memory, one and a 120 line/min printer are phototypesetter.

said to provide users with un-limited kerning combinations (variable and proportional spacing between letters), simultaneous output to typesetters, editing and file management capabilities.

Other hardware features on the machine include the ability to attach up to four CRTs, paper tape reader and punch, a Texas Instruments, Inc. TI 700 or two 10M-byte disk drives mini-console and an on-line

Users can perform simultaneous input, editing and output functions, input from multiple sources such as optical scanner and tape perforating keyboards and scroll in forward, reverse and horizontal modes, a spokesman explained. Page breaking and a 120,000-word dictionary for hyphenation, expandable to include user-defined words, are also included, the spokesman added.

A basic system including two CRTs, CPU, full software and line printer, sells for \$79,000, the company said.

Also interfaceable with the Comap system is the company's newly introduced Alphaword optical page scanner. The Alphaword can scan rough-draft text at more than 200 page/hour, the company said, with an undetected error rate of less than one character for every 100,000 scanned.

A standard RS-232C interface and optional features, such as dual font capability, a code conversion feature (to input commonly used text using abbreviated symbols) and deletion symbol editing are available with the system.

Other features include a vacuum-feed mechanism and an LED display and keyboard to aid the operator in making changes, a spokesman added.

Prices for the Alphaword range from \$24,000 to \$26,000, depending on options, the company said from 900 Huyler St., Teterboro, N.J. 07608.

# **Units Supply** High Voltage

HIGH BRIDGE, N.J. series of solid-state, highvoltage power supplies featuroscillator-rectifier circuitry has been unveiled by Glassman High Voltage, Inc.

The LG series is available with nine output ranges from 5 kV/20 mA to 100 kV/1 mA with either fixed or reversible polarity, company officials said. The ferrite core transformer power oscillator design is said to minimize power loss and to provide inherent protection against failure to restart after overload, damage from overload or shorts and transient spike. The design provides also protection against loss of reliability because of stress at high output after over-voltage in remote programming mode.

Regulation to within .005% on both line and load is provided, the officials noted, and the system takes less than 5 msec to recover from a 50% load transient. Ripple reaches a .1% maximum only at full load, and full load efficiency is said to be better than 75%.

Prices range from \$705 at the low end of the product line to \$2,650 at the top for singleunit quantities, with discounts of as much as 10% for quantities of five to nine, the company said from High Bridge, N.J. 08829.



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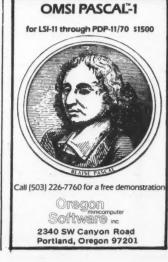
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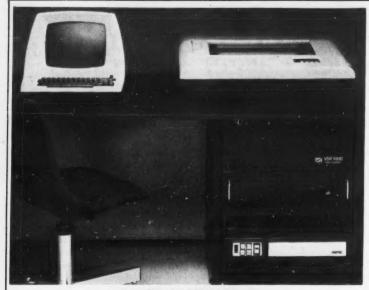
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Lear Siegler VDP-1000

# Virtual System Runs Expanded Programs

By Jeffry Beeler CW Staff

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Users can run programs "at least 25% larger" than main memory with a 64K-byte small business system from Lear Siegler, Inc., according to a spokeswoman for the com-

The VDP-1000 provides an "extensive" instruction set that reportedly allows both the product's Virtual Memory Operating System (Vmos) and applications programs to be disk-resident.

Thus, unlike many other small business systems that require all their software to be resident in main memory, the VDP-1000 can summon segments of Vmos and applications programs as needed from disk, the spokeswoman explained. The result is an increase in the memory space available for user programs, she added.

With the introduction of its first virtual memory system, Lear Siegler has enlarged its VDP family of data systems to two mem-

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# By Boosting Public Income

# System Helps County Avert Tax Hikes

GULFPORT, Miss. - No taxslashing ballot initiatives like California's controversial Proposition 13 appear headed for Harrison County, and government administrators here can credit their good fortune in part to their recently installed small business system.

Although officials here at the seat of this rural Gulf Coast county originally acquired the system to oversee their spending and perform standard accounting functions, they soon found they could also use the equipment to supplement the area's public treasury, according to Chancery Clerk G.N. (Nicky) Creel.

With the extra income - expected to total \$1.25 million during the next two years - administrators can minimize property taxes and avert new assessments, a rare achievement at a time when many other parts of the country rumble with growing taxpayer unrest.

# \$50,000 Monthly Dividend

How do administrators here intend to keep local taxes under control? They simply deposit all county funds that won't be expended for at least 30 days in short-term bank accounts and program the minicomputer to keep track of each investment.

When needed for spending, the funds are withdrawn from the bank, and county officials collect the interest that has accrued. In this way, they can parlay the area's \$18 million annual budget into a monthly dividend of nearly \$50,000.

Thus, the \$41,000 small business system "pays for itself every time we get a [monthly] investment statement from the bank," Creel reported.

Without a computer to track the county's score of simultaneous accounts, government officials could never have used investments to supplement the area's public income, Comptroller T.J. Eure asserted.

To succeed, a money-making venture like Harrision County's demands "immediate control over every single account," Eure said. "Before we put in the system, we had 136 individual funds requiring individual reconciliation. We had six employees who had all they could do to get out monthly payments. There was no way we could have tracked investments.

Ironically, however, filling the public coffers was probably the last thing on local administrators' minds when the county government first acquired its current financial management system.

Creel traced the installation to a fire that destroyed the Harrison County Courthouse and many of the valuable public records stored inside. With no place to work and a government payroll less than a week away, Creel realized he would have to restore his department's operations in record time.

Working with employees and a Wang Laboratories, Inc. minicomputer at the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District (SMPDD), he frantically developed enough software to automate the county's payroll and, within five days of the fire, had paid his staff

The payroll incident convinced Creel that a minicomputer similar to the SMPDD's could simplify many of the timeconsuming accounting tasks the county had previously done manually. He arranged to install

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# User Group's Services To Ease CPU Selection

By Jeffry Beeler

CW Staff

BOULDER, Colo. - You are a user or prospective user with a problem. You want to acquire a small system, but you're overwhelmed by the number of options and can't decide which machine to choose. Where do you turn for help?

One potential source of advice is the Association of Small Computer Users (Ascu), a newly formed group that aims to help mini and micro users sift through the potpourri of available small systems and select the configurations best suited to their individual computing needs.

To achieve this goal, Ascu will offer its members various services, the most valuable of which will probably be its comparative benchmark reports, according to the group's founder and president, Hillel Segal.

Under the benchmarking program, Ascu will hire an outside consulting firm to rate similar systems on cost and performance. The consultant's findings will then be made available to Ascu members through one of the association's internal publica-

"We looked around a lot before we formed the group, but we couldn't find any information source that offered exactly the kind of service we will provide," Segal recalled. "Many companies like Datapro and Auerbach provide very good information about the features of competing equipment models, but to my knowledge none of these kinds of organizations even try to supply comparative benchmarks.

# **Package of Publications**

Among its other services, Ascu will provide members with a package of DP-oriented publications including the association's bimonthly "Interactive Computing" newsletter, at least one trade newspaper, two Datapro Research Corp. feature reports about minis and small business systems and discounted editions of the ICP Mini-Small Business Systems Software Directory.

The association will also sponsor an information exchange service aimed at stimulating DPrelated communication among group members. Under Segal's direction, the service will refer users with inquiries about a specific equipment model to other users who have first-hand experience with the hardware in question.

Unlike the users' information exchange and the publications (Continued on Page 32)

# Get It Off Your Chest

Many users and industry officials have worthwhile things to say to their colleagues, but are seldom heard because they lack an appropriate forum.

If you're one of those individuals, here's your chance to get those important opinions off your chest and out into the world where they can do some good. Computerworld is now seeking reader contributions to its August Special Report on Minicomputers and Small Business Systems.

Maybe you're a user who found an ingenious small systems solution to a crucial business problem or who has an unusual installation experience to relate. Or perhaps you're a company official with industry tips or prognostications about which users should know.

If you have something interesting to say on the subject of minis or small business systems, CW wants to hear from you and so do nearly 90,000 CW readers.

Contributions should be four to eight double-spaced, typewritten pages long and should be submitted no later than July 20 to Jeffry Beeler, Computerworld, 797 Washington St., Newton, Mass. 02160.

# Comb Matrix Printer Configured Two Ways

edly configure a 300 line/min printer from Tally Corp. as a desktop unit or a stand-up unit with its electronics either in a pedestal or integrated into the unit's architecture.

The Model T-3300 prints 7 by 7 dot matrix characters across a 132-column line with 6- or 8 line/in., a Tally official said. The comb matrix printer also provides forms thickness control, line feed, form feed, continuous feed and paper-out alarm capabilities.

### **Operator Features**

Operator features available with the impact printer include a reel-toreel ribbon system and a paper positioning feature that lets users advance or retard print positions .016 in. at a time, the spokesmen said.

The T-3300 incorporates two

single-board microprocessors - one to control all printing functions and the other to control I/O, status and diagnostic functions.

An integral LED status panel indicates faults and tells whether the conditions are operator-correctable or require a serviceman. A standard self-test feature, meanwhile, allows users to run up to six print routines as well as check the printer's CPUs, indicators, switches and motors, the spokesmen noted.

Assorted off-the-shelf controllers make the unit plug-compatible with most popular minicomputers, data communications systems and other printers, Tally claimed. The product also comes with a choice of RS-232 serial interfaces.

Prices for the T-3300 start at \$6,100 with quantity discounts available from Tally at 8301 S. 180th St., Kent, Wash. 98031.

# Lear Siegler Virtual Unit **Handles Larger Programs**

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bers. The first member of that series an intelligent terminal dubbed the VDP-400 - appeared about a year ago and is programmed almost entirely in firmware.

Users can program forms and certain attribute fields with the VDP-400, but otherwise the system is not userprogrammable, nor can it accommodate any language compilers.

The VDP-1000, by contrast, provides a choice of three compilers - for Basic and Cobol, which "most business systems users probably already know," and for Asgol, a hybrid of Algol and the Data General Corp. Nova assembly language, the spokeswoman said.

Elaborating on the differences be-tween the two VDP systems, the spokeswoman said the 400 uses Novacompatible main memory, compared with dynamic random-access memory (RAM) for the 1000. The two systems also use different operating systems, although they incorporate the same CPU, which cycles in 200 nsec with an average 600 nsec memory fetch, she noted.

### **Greater Power**

Although the VDP-1000 belongs in the same hardware class as the Nova 1200 and comparable sytems, it provides "somewhat greater" computing power than its DG counterpart, the spokeswoman claimed. Just how much of a performance edge the Lear Siegler machine provides over rival equipment, however, will remain uncertain until the company can finish benchmarking its system, she added.

Lear Siegler cited cost as the VDP-1000's main advantage over competing systems. While a floppy disk-based version of DG's Eclipse CS/20 costs about \$11,000, a similarly configured VDP-1000 sells for less than \$8,000, the spokeswoman reported.

An Eclipse CS/60 based on rigid disk systems, meanwhile, lists for about \$40,000, compared with \$18,000 for a comparable Lear Siegler system.

Another area in which the VDP-1000 reportedly outperforms its competitors is in peripheral quality. "Many users complain that CPU vendors often don't supply very good peripherals, the spokeswoman, said.

Lear Siegler, on the other hand, is known primarily as a peripherals supplier, "and now we have a minicomputer to go with those peripherals," the official noted. "People seem to like the idea of buying a complete system from one manufacturer.

### Two Versions

Users can specify a VDP-1000 in one of two configurations: a hard disk version and a floppy disk version. A minimum hard disk-based configuration incorporates a 64K-byte CPU, 10M-byte cartridge disk system, ADM-3A dumb terminal, 180 char./sec Model 310 Ballistic printer, Vmos operating system and one of the three compilers.

A minimum floppy disk-based VDP-1000 configuration consists of the same hardware and software except that the disk system is replaced with a 1.25M-byte double-sided, double-density floppy disk unit.

To the minimum hard disk configuration, users can add up to three 10Mbyte mass storage systems for a total capacity of 40M bytes. The minimum floppy disk-based version can also accept three additional memory units for a total mass storage capacity of 5M

# **Expandable Configuration**

Under Vmos, the VDP-1000 can serve only as a single-station, standalone system. With Blis Cobol or some other Nova-compatible software tool, however, users can expand the system into a multiterminal configuration with communications capabilities, the spokeswoman said.

At present, 64K bytes represents the VDP-1000's maximum main memory, although Lear Siegler intends in the future to expand the system's capacity to 256K bytes, she added.

Among other enhancements planned for the system is the addition of a 300 line/min printer.

A minimum system with a floppy disk system costs \$7,995 compared with \$18,000 for a minimum hard disk-based configuration. Deliveries of both versions are scheduled to begin in September from Lear Siegler at 714 N. Brookhurst St., Anaheim, Calif.

# **HP Reduces Prices** On Disk Memories

PALO ALTO, Calif. - Four versions of Hewlett-Packard Co.'s 7906 and 7920 disk memories have been reduced in price by \$500 to \$1,000, according to a spokesman.

The 20M-byte 7906 slave version — the 7906S — now costs \$10,000 compared with its former \$10,500 price, while the price of the rack-mounted 7906SR has fallen from \$9,500 to

The 50M-byte 7920 master version, the 7920M, has declined from \$17,500 to \$17,000, while the cost of the 7920S slave has dropped \$1,000 to \$13,000.

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# Wangco Disk Controllers Emulate DG Subsystems

LOS ANGELES — Two disk system controller subsystems from Perkin-Elmer's Wangco Division emulate their counterparts for the Data General Corp. Nova and Eclipse minicomputer lines, according to a spokesman for the products' developers.

Compatible with DG's 4234 RDOS-5 controller, the Model WND-45 stores 20M byte/disk in a two-disk version—twice the capacity of the comparable DG unit, the official said. With a 1-bit software change, the system reportedly accepts two additional drives for a total capacity of 80M bytes, again twice the storage of the CPU manufacturer's four-drive equivalent.

The Model WND-25, meanwhile, is also compatible with the 4234 RDOS-5 and stores 10M byte/disk, but up to four of the units can be daisy-chained to one controller.

The Model WND-25 transfers 312kbyte/sec and stores 2,200 bit/in. at 200 track/in., while the Model WND-45 transfers 625k byte/sec and holds 4,400 bit/in. at 200 track/in.

Both units are said to accommodate either fixed or removable storage media and operate at 2,400 rev/min. The Model WND-25, however, uses both

# CPU's Dividends Avert Tax Hikes

(Continued from Page 29) a Wang 2200 VP with a 10M-byte disk system and a 600 line/min printer; then, heeding advice from the State of Mississippi, he hired a programmer to write general accounting software.

With the resulting system, Creel and his staff automated the county's accounts payable, fund-balance report, summary reports of receipts and expenditures, bond maturity schedules, budgeting, receipt and expenditure analyses, property inventory system, general ledger and investment program as well as its payroll.

As soon as he can raise the necessary funds, Creel plans to program the inhouse system to accommodate the county's tax assessor and collector records, which are currently prepared by a time-sharing service.

Since the county computerized its accounting functions, Creel claims to have noticed an improvement in the quality of his department's output. When we deliver monthly budget reports to our department heads, the computer not only itemizes but also shows what percentage of their budgets have been spent for every account under their jurisdiction," he noted.

Another payoff became evident recently when inspectors from the U.S. Welfare Department and the Department of Agriculture made a spot check of the county's food stamp program.

"They were expecting to be here most of the day, like with most other counties," Eure recalled. "But we had all the information they needed right in the computer and put it in their hands in less than 30 minutes.

"They went over it, then went over it again before they began shuffling their feet and asking one another what they were going to do for the rest of the day."

Wangco SF or ST disk drives, while the larger unit uses only the ST 2422 disk drives.

Both models also store 256 16-bit word/sector and automatically perform sector/track header address verification, the official noted.

Housed on one 15-in. square circuit board, the controller subsystems reportedly occupy one CPU chassis slot and plug into backplanes without external adapters or special wiring.

In OEM quantities, the WND-25 and WND-45 cost \$5,118 and \$6,066, respectively, and are available from Wangco at 5404 Jandy Place, Los Angeles 90066.

# Okidata Disk Series Gains Two More Members

MT. LAUREL, N.J. — Two additions to Okidata Corp.'s 3300 series disk systems store 13M and 80M bytes and occupy 7 in. of rack space, according to a spokesman.

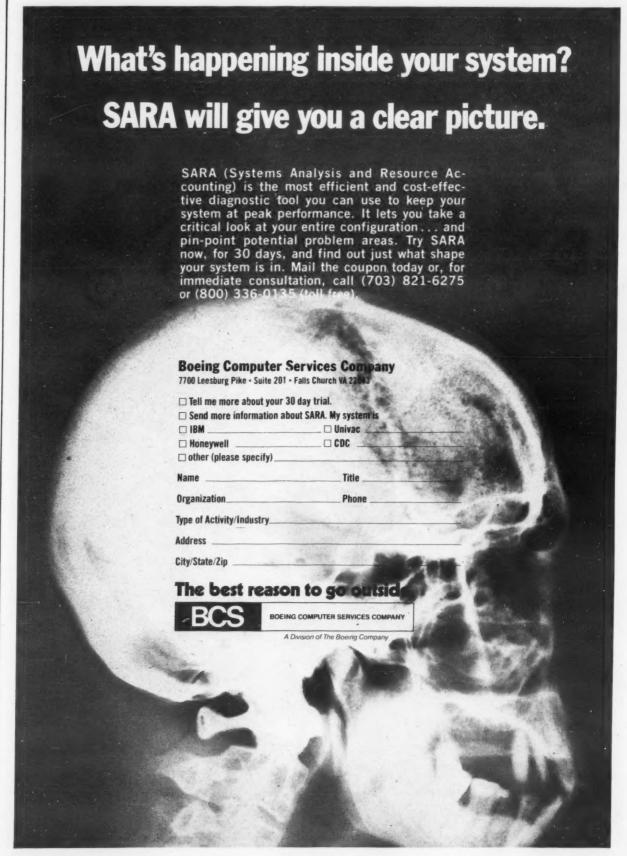
space, according to a spokesman. The systems, which bring the number of 3300 series members to seven, reportedly seek in 38 msec by providing two read/write heads per recording surface. They also provide 678-track recording media that hold 286 track/in. and 20K byte/track with 6K bit/in., the official said.

Equipped with Winchester technology, the disk drive systems transfer 7.97M bit/sec with one unrecoverable error for every 10<sup>12</sup> bits.

Both units are said to enclose IBMtype heads and disks plus a rotary positioner in a sealed cavity protected by a positive pressure filtration and cooling system that removes impurities as small as .3 microns in diameter.

Standard features with the 3300 series additions include a Control Data Corp. interface, built-in power supply, direct track addressing, early and late data strobe, track offset and NRZ data interface.

In OEM quantities, the 13M-byte model costs \$2,460, compared with \$3,390 for the 80M-byte model. Okidata is located at 111 Gaither Drive, Mt. Laurel, N.J. 08054.



# DS990 Options Grow

HOUSTON — A 16K errorcorrecting random-access memory (RAM) and additional packaging options are now available to users of the Texas Instruments, Inc. DS990 line of commercial systems.

With the memory enhancement, users can expand the basic DS990 in the base chassis to incorporate up to 608K bytes of main memory and support up to six CRT terminals, according to company spokesmen.

Error-correcting memory systems using the 16K RAM range in capacity from 64K bytes to more than 1M byte, the officials said.

The packaging options, meanwhile, include 70-in. cabinets for DS990 models 4, 6 and 8 and a 30-in. enclosure for the Model 4.

In addition, TI has expanded its DS990 product line with the introduction of the models 6 and 8 data base management systems (DBMS), which provide dual 25M- and 50M-byte disk systems, respectively. Each addition incorporates a 990/10 computer with 160K bytes of 16K error-correcting RAM, four Model 911 CRT terminals, a 300 line/min printer and the pedestal-mounted disk systems.

In OEM quantities, a minimum 16K RAM costs \$2,880, compared with \$37,920 for a 1M-byte configuration of five RAM boards. Models 6 and 8 DBMS sell for \$71,000 and \$78,500, respectively, from TI at Box 1444, Houston 77001.

# User Group's Benchmarks To Ease System Selection

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package, which users can take advantage of now, the benchmark reporting service is still in the planning stages and probably will not become available until "sometime later this year," Segal said.

Commenting on the benchmark service's prospects for success, the Ascu head noted he has already established a similar program at the Association of Time-Sharing Users (Atsu) — a group he founded three and a half years ago — and the upcoming Ascu venture will be patterned after its successful predecessor.

Formed last April as an Atsu offshoot, Ascu represents a reaction to the "exceptional" proliferation of small business systems during recent years, Segal explained.

"When we founded Atsu a few years ago, there were only about 50 small systems vendors in the business," he said. "Today, there are literally hundreds of models to choose from — so many, in fact, that the average user or prospective user is just overwhelmed by the number of offerings."

## 'Incredible' Response

In the approximately four months since its founding, Ascu has already attracted more than 500 members. By the group's first anniversary next April, Segal hopes that figure will have topped 1,000.

"It's just incredible, the kind of response we've been getting thus far," he noted with a chuckle. "I sometimes nearly fall out of my chair when I see the number of membership applications that come across my desk."

Although many of the users who have joined Ascu come from the parent organization, an estimated 50% of the members apparently have no previous assocation with the DP field. "We've got doctors, lawyers and businessmen — all sorts of people are joining," Segal said. "When I walk down the street or go into a store, people who know about my job tell me they've been considering computerizing their operations for a long time and ask how they can join our group."

# Suggestions Welcomed

But despite Segal's interest in swelling the group's membership roster, his main goal through the rest of the year will be to pave the way for the prospective benchmark reporting service. At the moment, he is concentrating on defining the benchmark programs that will someday run on test systems, and to this end he has already begun seeking input from group members.

Depending on the suggestions they receive, Segal and his colleagues will then decide which applications the competing systems will run during benchmark tests, what languages will be used and whether the benchmarks should be CPU- or I/O-intensive and set other test guidelines.

Ascu requires a \$25 membership fee. Users interested in joining the group should write the Association of Small Computer Users at 75 Manhattan Drive, Boulder, Colo. 80303.

# Nortek Master Clock Fits DEC Systems

PORTLAND, Ore. — A master system clock from Nortek, Inc. is said to fit the Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) LSI-11, LSI-11/2 and PDP-11/03.

The "dual width" module combines the features of a DEC KW-11L real-time clock and a KW-11P programmable clock, and adds an RT-11-compatible date and time clock, Nortek said.

An independently powered microprocessor helps ensure that date, time and programmable count are maintained when the CPU is not running, according to the company.

Priced at \$600, the unit is available from Nortek at 2432 N.W. Johnson, Portland, Ore. 97210.



# Self-Taught Teenager Developing Robot

By Ann Dooley CW Staff

WESTFIELD, N.J. - In addition to scuba diving, piloting airplanes and doing homework, 16-year-old Tod Loofbourrow has been building a robot that moves, "sees," understands words and is expected to speak

any day now.

Loofbourrow has always been fascinated with robotics and when he found that by using a microcomputer-based system he could make his dream of building a robot come true, he "dug right in." Loofbourrow began the project two years ago, working in the basement of his house during summer vacation and after school. But the work on "Mike" is not complete, according to the high-schooler, who added, "It's never going to be finished. There will always be things to add.

Loofbourrow had no background in DP or electronics when he began and admitted that it slowed him up a little. Loofbourrow picked up his information from a variety of manuals, books and other sources and would design and build each part, one step at a time. "I had to discover what each piece needed to do and then I put it all together,"

he said.

Mike was designed and constructed almost entirely by Loofbourrow himself, with just a little help from his father, who has some electrical engineering background. Although his father and brothers are all interested in electrical engineering, Loofbourrow plans to continue his studies in liberal arts. "Robotics is just a hobby," he maintained.

The robot can operate either in an automatic mode or under the control of an operator using a joy stick, Loofbourrow ex-

plained. It can move forward and backward at five different speeds and can determine if' an object is in its path by using ultrasonic sound detectors.

In addition to the simulated sight, Mike can "feel" things by using impact sensors which retract if they come in contact with any object. If something is in Mike's way, the robot will move around it and can even sense an open doorway and move through it, according to Loofbourrow.

### Voice Recognition

The robot was also programmed for voice recognition which, according to Loofbourrow, was the most difficult part of the whole project. Mike is programmed to recognize eight words: Mike, fast, slow, stop, come, reverse, right and left.

The voice recognition capability required total revamping of the existing software. Previously, the software was done in a program loop and as each piece of hardware was developed, Loofbourrow would develop corresponding software.

This method worked until the voice recognition was added, so the high-school student

developed a program that would scan for an input every 160 msec for greater efficiency and precision than was possible with the

Loofbourrow used a Kim-1 6502-based, prebuilt micro and then bought the rest of the parts from various computer stores in the area. The system has 9K of memory, and an S-100 bus was added to bolster the memory power. The robot is powered by a car battery and has three motorized wheels the front one being used for steering. Mike cost between \$400 and \$500 to build, according to Loofbourrow.

"The only real problem I had in building Mike was when I used a diode that was too small to handle the amount of electricity," he said, adding, "You wouldn't believe how much smoke one little diode can make.

Mike consists of two main pieces. The bottom, shaped like an octagon with an impact sensor on each of the eight sides, contains all the main circuitry, and the upper body, which slopes inward, gives the robot a pyramid shape. The robot stands about four feet

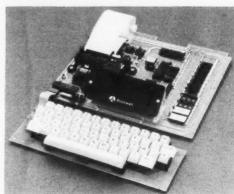
# Single-Module Micro System Features 20-Column Printer

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Rockwell International is offering a single-module microcomputer system that features an on-board, 20-column printer.

In addition to the R6500 Advanced Interface Module, dubbed AIM 65, Rockwell has also introduced a one-chip microcomputer, two R6500 interface chips and four options for System 65, the company's dual-floppy R6500 development system.

Intended as an educational aid for firsttime users and as a general-purpose microcomputer for engineers, AIM 65 includes an alphanumeric 20-character printer and display and a 54-key terminal-style keyboard.

Available in 1K- and 4K-byte randomaccess memory (RAM) versions, AIM 65 was designed around the R6502 MPU, which has a 64K-byte address capability with 13 addressing modes and both decimal and binary functions, according to the firm.



Rockwell AIM 65

AIM 65 costs \$375 in the 1K-byte version and \$450 in the 4K-byte version.

Rockwell International's Electronic Devices Division is at 3310 Miraloma Ave., P.O. Box 3669, Anaheim, Calif. 92803.

# System Bows Disk Operating

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Software Dynamics is offering a disk operating system called SDOS for 6800-type microprocessor users with at least 32K of random-access memory

(RAM) and floppy disk drives.

SDOS can reportedly support 64K RAM and any number or mixture of disk drives on-line. SDOS also supports sequential disk files, device-independent I/O and a usercustomized command interpreter and has the capability to tailor disk drives to adopt to different hardware, the firm said.

Command files allow prepackaged sequences of keyboard commands to be executed automatically, without operator inter-

vention, the firm noted.

Turnkey systems and enhancements can be built by replacing the command interpreter with the desired application package. Utility programs provided with SDOS allow the user to initialize a new disk and to repair accidentally damaged disk file structures, according to the firm.

Versions of SDOS are now available for Midwest Scientific Instruments, Cincinnati Milacron Model 20, Electronic Product Associates Micro-68 and Wavemate 6800 sys-

Price for SDOS is \$200 from Software Dynamics, Suite G, 2111 W. Crescent, Anaheim, Calif. 92801.

# Apple Cuts Prices

CUPERTINO, Calif. - Apple Computer, Inc. has recently lowered memory prices by 40% - a move that translates into lower system prices as well.

The 16K model Apple II, which sold for \$1,445, now sells for \$1,195, the 48K random-access memory (RAM) system now sells for \$1,795, the 32K-byte RAM version costs \$1,495 and the 4K-byte RAM system costs \$970. The 16K-byte memory price is now \$300, down from

Apple Computer, Inc. is at 10260 Bandley Drive, Cupertino, Calif. 95014.

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# Micro Chips

# **Book Covers Personal DP** In Investment Decisions

JAMAICA, N.Y. - A book explaining how to develop personal computer-based systems for the support of investment decision-making has been published by Man-Computer Systems, Inc.

Entitled Low-Cost, Personal Computer-Based Investment Decision Systems, the book presents general design principles for developing personal computer systems for the investor. The book also explains what a personal computer is, what hardware and software systems are available and how to conduct a cost-effective analysis of computer systems. The book also deals with business applications, information storage and retrieval, recreation, education and various other applications, according to the company.

The 169-page volume is available for \$15 per copy from Man-Computer Systems, Inc. 84-13 168th St., Jamaica, N.Y. 11432.

# Catalog Lists 6800 Software

Hemenway Associates, Inc. is offering a software catalog featuring descriptions of 6800 development software including Strubal, a high-level language compiler. The booklet also lists the features of each software product in table form and short introductions explaining the application areas involved. The firm is situated at Suite 8P, 151 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02111.





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**Vector Graphics' Vector 2** 

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### Tabletop MPU Includes Keyboard

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif. - Vector Graphic, Inc. is now offering the Vector 2 desktop computer, which utilizes a Z80 MPU and a built-in keyboard, to hobbyists, OEMs and small business system users.

The Vector 2 was designed around a 158-instruction Z80 and features a low-profile cabinet with built-in keyboard.

tested, the standard system includes a 10-slot S-100 compatible motherboard; a Z80 MPU board; a 12K 2708 board and programmable read-only memory (Prom); random-access memory (RAM); and 32K bytes of solid-state memory, expandable to 64K.

It also includes the Vector Graphic Flashwriter video Completely assembled and board, power supply, integral Village, Calif. 91361.

cooling fan and 72-key keyboard with standard typewriter keys, a numeric keypad and several user-definable keys, the firm said.

The unit is said to interface with all standard peripherals. It comes "completely software-supported."

The Vector 2 is priced at \$2,000 from the firm at 790 Hampshire Road, Westlake

### Systems Include Five Diskettes

Computer Data Systems has introduced two micro-based products, the Businesspak 1 to handle accounts payable and receivable, payroll and general accounting and the Versatile 3 for the office, home or class-

The Businesspak 1 utilizes an 8085 MPU, 500K-byte dual drives, 32K static random-access memory (RAM) and the Model 761 teleprinter from Centronics Data

The Businesspak 1 is aimed at doctors and lawyers as a replacement for billing services and also as a means for accessing time-shared libraries of case histories and the like with the addition of a coupler.

The Versatile 3 is a singleunit system with a built-in minifloppy disk drive, upper and lower case alphanumeric keyboard and CRT, an 8085 MPU and 16K static RAM.

Five diskettes are included

with each system to give the user "immediate programming and applications capabilities."

Disk 1 contains a disk operating system and 12K Extended Basic with easy-to-use statements, along with line editing, multistatement lines and multidimension arrays, a spokesman noted.

Disk 2 contains games; Disk 3 is a home accounting package; Disk 4 is a small business accounting package; and Disk 5 is a formatted, blank diskette for entering programs.

The Businesspak 1 costs \$5,995 and the Versatile 3 costs \$2,795 from Computer Data Systems, 5460 Fairmont Drive, Wilmington, Del. 19808.

### Pet Users Get 'Magazine'

GOLETA, Calif. - Cursor, a monthly C-30 cassette "magazine," will be available for users of the Commodore Pet in early

Each issue will feature a game as well as a variety of programs for business, for statistical data analysis and for use in the home, according to publisher Ron Jef-

The "magazine" is priced "deliberately low" at \$24 per year to "make it unattractive to rip off the pro-grams," according to the publisher.

Cursor is at P.O.Box 550, Goleta, Calif. 93017.

### Apple Users Get Link To Stock Portfolio Of Dow Jones & Co.

CUPERTINO, Calif. - Apple Computer, Inc. said users of its computers can now access stock portfolio information with a telephone link to Dow Jones & Co., Inc.'s Stock Quote Reporter Service.

The 15-minute delayed stock and bond quotations, along with software provided by Apple, will enable the user to determine current portfolio value, short- and long-term gains and rates of return, the company said.

In the future, Apple II users

will also be able to call up current news on companies in their portfolios, Apple said.

The cost of the stock quote service includes a one-time fee of \$25 and a usage charge of \$3 for the first three minutes plus 50 cents a minute after that for each session.

The service is now available from any Apple dealer. Additional information is available from Apple at 10260 Bandley Cupertino,

### Hayden Prints Guide To Programming 6800

ROCHELLE PARK, N.J. – A book for 6800 microprocessor users entitled The 6800 Microprocessor: A Self-Study Course With Applications, has recently been published by Hayden Book Co., Inc.

The book offers 15 laboratory exercises that emphasize the use of the microcomputer as a controller which responds to input and prepares suitable output, the publisher said.

Designed as a guide to pro-

gramming the 6800, the book covers control applications, micro uses in communications, data acquisition and business DP, as well as flowcharting, data arrays, debugging programs, subroutines and interrupts, according to Hayden.

The book is available for \$5.95 from Hayden Book Co., 50 Essex St., Rochelle Park, N.J. 07662.

### Ruggedized Micros Offered

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -American Microsystems, Inc. has introduced the S6800 series of microprocessors, said to be capable of operating at temperatures between -40°C and 85°C in the industrial range and -55°C to 125°C for the military.

The S6800 microprocessors were designed to meet the requirements of manufacturers of automobiles, remote micro-

processor-controlled ment, avionics and controllers used in extreme temperature environments.

The units are available in ceramic packages in quantities of 100 at a price of \$35.30 for the industrial models and \$68.40 for those in the military range. American Microsystems is located at 3800 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, Calif. 95051.

### Teenager Developing Robot

(Continued from Page 33) Loofbourrow, who has just started his summer vacation, is enthusiastic about working on some new ideas for Mike, such as adding voice capabilities and giving the robot arms.

"I'll have to redo all the software again to add a voice. It's going to take a lot of work," he said. The voice will be especially hard because of all the storage that is required. "So right now, I'm looking for someone who has a full-sized floppy he wants to sell."

Mike has definitely added something to the Loofbourrow family life, according to Tod. When the dog first saw Mike, he was really shaken up by it, he recalled. And once when Mike was maneuvering outside, the robot almost caused a car accident because the driver couldn't get over what he was seeing, Loofbourrow related. In addition to his work as an inventor, Loofbourrow has written a book about how he designed and built Mike. How Build A Computer-Controlled Robot is published by Hayden Book Co., Inc. of Rochelle Park, N.J., and offers step-by-step instruction for

building a similar robot.





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### Profile of a Newcomer

### Two Pi: Playing David to IBM's Goliath?

By E. Drake Lundell Jr.

CW Staff
TUSTIN, Calif. — "DOS IPL Complete." Those are my favorite words right now," Dr. Jared Anderson, president of Two Pi

Co., said here recently as he demonstrated the capabilities of the firm's V32 minicomputer, which will compete with the lower end of the IBM 370 family.

The firm, which has one machine working here and two working in its northern California facility in Sunnyvale, is presently using this system alongside a 370/135, easily switching between the two, using IBM's DOS/VS Release 34.

Nestled in the small Koll Business Center with a Copyrite Press franchise and an Acme Gridley Service, Rebuilding and Parts operation as well as a West Coast pottery outlet, Two Pi hardly seems a challenger to IBM's Goliath. Backed by giant N.V. Philips Corp. of Holland however, Two Pi will be pumping out about 200 of its 32-bit minis in

A large percentage of those machines will be going to National CSS Corp., which will be selling the units directly to end users with its own IBM-compatible operating system [CW, April 7], but Two Pi is also seeking additional customers for the system, according to Anderson, known to his friends as Jerry.

#### 'Had Idea for Years'

"I've had the idea for years," Anderson said about building an IBM-compatible computer, "but until 1973 or 1974 I couldn't figure out a better way to build it than the way IBM was.

A nuclear physicist by training with a Ph.D. degree, Anderson worked on the team that won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1968 under the direction of Prof. Luis W. Alverez. But when federal funding for some academic work in the field was cut, he left the position of senior staff physicist at Berkeley's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and, with a group of other disenfranchised researchers most notably Lauren F. Yazolino, also of Alverez's team - decided to find a business that fit their talents - and that didn't require federal money.

The computer business looked good, and the group founded Decision, Inc., which turned a converted Woolworth's store in grimy Oakland into what some called one of the brightest and most casual facilities for administration and manufacturing ever seen in the computer field.

The firm rapidly became one of the largest independent suppliers - if not the largest of disk and tape controllers for Data General Corp. minicomputers. Its success attracted others.

In 1974, Decision was sold to Ball Corp. Anderson stepped aside as its president and chief operating officer, a position he had held for four years.

#### Initially Aimed at 360

While the idea of an IBM-compatible CPU had been percolating in Anderson's mind in the early 1970s, it was not until 1974 and

"the microprocessor revolution" that he began work on putting the idea into reality.

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He and Yazolino began "doodling" with ideas on their own time and with their own money, originally thinking of a 360-type machine - hence the company name Two (times) Pi for a 360° circle.

Later, when they decided on 370 compatibility, "it just wasn't worth the trouble to change the name to Two point something times Pi," Anderson said.

Anderson and Yazolino worked with the Monolithic Memories, Inc. 4-bit chip slice, the 6701, with 16 registers, but by the time (Continued on Page 38)

### California Board Under the Gun For Inconsistent COM Taxation

By Tim Scannell

CW Staff

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Seemingly inconsistent patterns of taxing computer output microfilm (COM) is one of the issues being fought here by the Sales Tax Action Group (Stag), an association of about 150 DP companies with business in California.

COM is sometimes taxed and sometimes not, according to Gary Jugum, an attorney representing the California Board of Equal-

To date "we have not distinguished between COM and other readable things such as tabulated listings. We've lumped microfilm in with printed matter and distinguished that from tapes, disks and materials that are more machine-readable," Jugum said.

"In most transactions, COM would be nontaxable so long as the operation or processing that occurred was something significant," Jugum continued. Or, to put it simply, "if you have data and put the same data on microfilm, we tax it ... but if you begin with raw information, then process and compute it, add it up, subtract it or divide it and then have microfilm as your final output, we don't."

There is, however, a great deal of controversy over the particular wording of the sales tax regulations, Jugum said. The law states that work "under contract for the processing of customer-furnished information" is exempt from state taxation. It defines this

processing as the development of original information from raw data.

Specific procedures exempt from the law include "summarizing, computing, extracting, sorting and sequencing." Therein lies the difficulty, Jugum pointed out.

Some COM experts feel the use of minicomputers to reformat and index COM records is a form of "extracting," and COM processed in this way should be exempt from sales tax. However, the Board of Equalization contends the generation of indexing is not the extraction of new data and therefore does not qualify for exemption.

#### Service Bureau Agrees

At least one COM service bureau, U.S. Datacorp, has agreed with the board's decision on the taxability of COM output. "In our discussions with the board, its use of the word 'extracting' has meant 'to take information and manipulate it in a way that it is returned to the customer as new data," according to Fred W. Greb, Datacorp's vicepresident of finance.

'COM extracts selective key information to make retrieval easier, but information is returned unaltered - other than the fact that it is on microfilm," he added.

Greb noted that accounting for two categories of jobs, taxable and nontaxable, would produce monumental administrative problems and result in increased costs for cus-

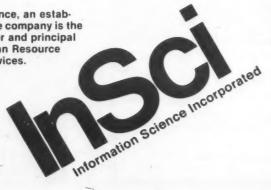
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### WUIS Withdraws Equipment From Commercial Marketplace

MAHWAH, N.J. — Western Union Information Systems (WUIS), a division of the Western Union Teleprocessing Group, is no longer offering its line of microprocessor-based multiplexers and other communications equipment to the commercial market.

The units will now go to Western Union's Digital Exchange System, which will transfer TWX from Bell's facilities to Western Union's.

"The telegraph company is working toward greater independence of the Bell System for its transmission needs," according to Robert G. Finney, president of Western Union Teleprocessing, Inc. The move was

made to assure that all resources of the division can be applied to production of units for the telegraph company, he added.

A company spokeswoman estimated the move will save Western Union several million dollars a year. These funds will be reinvested in research and development, she said.

Less than \$1 million dollars of these products, introduced to the commercial sector about a year ago, are currently installed. However, the spokeswoman said service on the installed products will be handled through Western Union Telegraph Co. and Western Union Data Service Co.

### David to IBM's Goliath?

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they were ready to build, the 2901 chip
was available with increased power
and capacity, so it was used instead,
Anderson said.

Receiving some backing from Signetics, Inc., Anderson and Yazolino, with the addition of two to four others, built a 360-type CPU and channels and had it up and running with the full complement of 360 software.

The next part was "harder than we thought," Anderson now admits. It took another year to implement all of the 370 features on the system, particularly the virtual addressing in microcode.

In the meantime, Anderson, who had had experience with venture capital operations from the Decision days, decided a large company should be approached to back the emerging firm.

"After all, when you're selling a 370 replacement, you don't want to come on like Gus and Willie putting the system together in a garage," he pointed out.

So in 1976 the company was sold to U.S. Philips Corp., a subsidiary of N.V. Philips of Holland, one of the largest electronics firms in the world. U.S. Philips also owns Signetics, Two Pi's early angel.

The Two Pi V32, which stands about waist high with the control switches on the top, incorporates several interesting features, even if not technological breakthroughs.

For one, it uses commercial refrigeration equipment for cooling, with a fan blowing down over the refrigeration coils and the air routed back up over and between the boards in the cabinet.

Another feature is the use of the 2901 microprocessor chip on the channel boards. Each of these boards has four 2901s, essentially giving the channels the power of a 16-bit mini.

The unit relies heavily on microcode, Anderson said, noting the 183 basic IBM instructions are in read-only memory (ROM) while the other instructions and firmware are in RAM storage. Because of this, he said, Two Pi should be able to react quickly to any IBM moves to put more of its software into microcode.

Using a microcoding machine developed by Two Pi, the firm can quickly add to its own microcode to meet any IBM announcements, he added.

### California Board Hit on COM Tax

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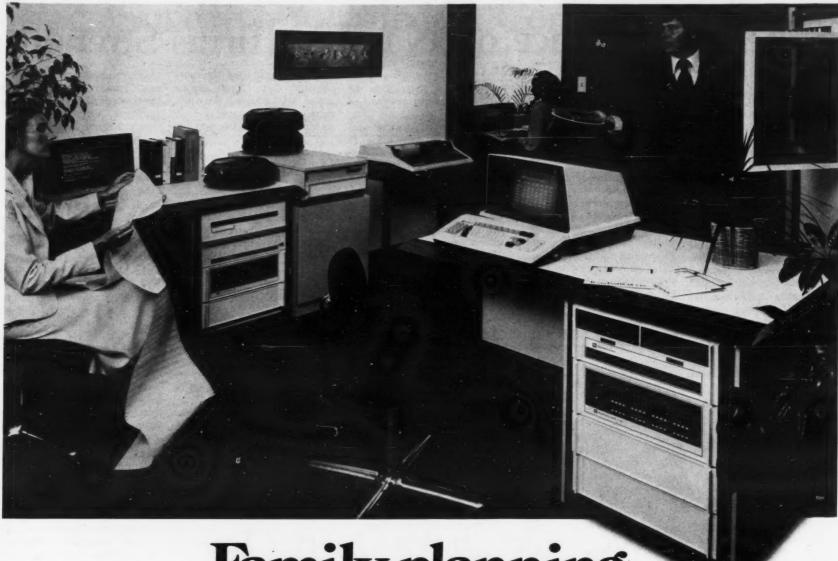
"Extracting is a very controversial point that we haven't fully decided on right now," Jugum stated. "We have wavered and told somebody in one instance that using a minicomputer with microfilm output is nontaxable processing, but we're reconsidering that."

A committee consisting of both industry and board representatives was established to study the problem following a public hearing on May 4, during which Stag members asked The Board of Equalization to reconsider Regulation 1502 on sales tax application

The law, although confusing, will have to remain as it stands for quite some time, Jugum said. "A hearing before the board itself won't be scheduled until such time as the staff here and the industry group come to some agreement or agreement to disagree," he said, "and that I don't think will happen until six months from now, at the earliest."



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### First-Quarter Results Up 95%

### Prime's Acceptance on NYSE Affirms Strength

By Marcia Blumenthal CW Staff

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. Acceptance for listing on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on June 29 was seen as a further affirmation of the continued financial strength of Prime Computer, Inc., which has doubled its revenues yearly since 1975.

In announcing the event, Kenneth G. Fisher, Prime's president and chief executive officer, said, "The NYSE listing culminates six months of physical and financial growth for Prime. In June, the company's \$20 million convertible debenture offering oversubscribed. funds raised from the offering will be used for partial repayment of bank obligations and for working capital."

Since 1975, according to a company spokesman, Prime has doubled its sales each year. In 1975, sales reached \$11 million; in 1976, \$22.8 million; and in 1977, \$50 million.

First quarter 1978 results topped \$18 million, representing a 95% growth over the first quarter of 1977. Earnings of \$1.6 million for the first quarter were 120% more than the earnings for the corresponding period a year ago, the spokesman noted.

Wall Street experts forecast that Prime will continue to grow at 80% to 90% through 1978, and Fisher concurs with that opinion.

The company's stock recently split two for one and its available bank credit line doubled from \$17.5 million to \$35 million through 1980.

This growth in revenue has spurred expansions in both facilities and personnel. In January 1977, Prime employed 520 people. By March 1978, the number of employees reached

The continued financial suc-

At the present time, the typical order shipped has a price tag of \$100,000, but the company expects the average sale to hit \$150,000 in the near fu-

of the minicomputer marketplace," the spokesman said, "is psychologically motivated to purchase Prime's products. The customer base receptive to Prime's products is users who have precisely defined what they expect from their systems.

Prime considers itself unusual among mini makers in that it markets 90% of its products directly to the end user. Users are presently split 50/50 between the business DP and scientific/engineering sectors, according to the spokesman.

### Financial News

cess of Prime, the spokesman ture as users begin ordering said, is primarily the result of the company's products and its marketing approach.

Prime claims to be one of the few minimakers that develops software before building hardthe larger-scale Prime models - the 350s, 400s and 500s.

A key to the company's marketing success, it claims, is the ability of the marketing force to zero in on the appropriate market segment. "Only 2.5%

### ompuscan Anticipating Pretax Loss

TETERBORO, N.J.- Compuscan, Inc. expects to report pretax losses of \$3.5 million for fiscal 1978 as contrasted with pretax earnings of \$2.1 million for fiscal 1977. Fully audited results for the fiscal year ended May 31 will not be available until August, according to Norman Frank, vicepresident of finance.

from lower-than-anticipated sales volume and unexpected price reductions which affected all products.

Reduced sales primarily resulted from software problems related to Compuscan's Start system. Frank explained that the firm spent much of its resources fixing the problem rather than selling systems.

profit margins and an overhead expense in excess of the actual sales volume.

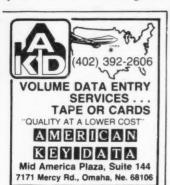
Although the troublesome system has been debugged, Frank noted that the marketing strength behind it will probably be de-emphasized.

Despite its losses, Compuscan is in a position to accelerate its marketing efforts, ac-The losses, Frank said, stem This resulted in pressure on cording to Bruce Bambrough,

chairman, president and chief executive officer.

The company is currently placing major emphasis on the Scanterm, Alphaword and Comap systems. The first two Scanterm systems, designed for the processing of credit card sales drafts, have recently been accepted by two major U.S. banks, the company reported, with initial sales totaling more than \$500,000.

Our present basic products at Compuscan continue to be well received," Bambrough stated, "with recently developed product lines expected to contribute heavily toward returning the company to profitable operations."



### Keydata Attributes Quarter Loss To New Product, Marketing Push

WELLESLEY, Mass. Keydata Corp. reported a loss of \$54,000 or 2 cents per share for the third quarter of fiscal 1978 compared with earnings of \$127,000 or 5 cents per share for the corresponding period of a year ago. Revenues

for the third quarter were \$3.7 million, up slightly from 1977 third-quarter revenues of \$3.6 million.

Nine-month revenues were \$11.2 million with earnings of \$62,000 or 2 cents per share, compared with 1977 ninemonth revenues of \$10.8 million with earnings of \$348,000 or 13 cents per share.

Keydata President L. Edwin Donegan Jr. said these results reflect a substantial investment in new product development and an expansion of Keydata's marketing force. Donegan added that a loss is expected for fiscal 1978.

In particular, Donegan cited a heavy investment in the Keydata Unity series of small business computer systems. The introduction of the Unity series, according to Donegan, represents the first phase of a series of product announcements aimed at adapting new technology to the company's basic business philosophy of delivering totally supported systems to its customers.

'We are continuing our product development efforts with a view toward expanding the range of Keydata DP options available to medium-tolarge firms," Donegan said.

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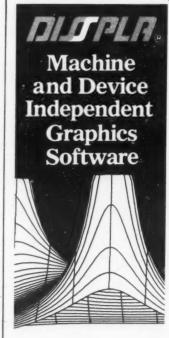
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Consumation of the agreement, which has been approved by the boards of both firms, will increase Comshare, Inc.'s holdings in Comshare Ltd. from 11% to 79%, the Comshare International BV (Europe) from 45% to 88%.

ment, Polysar will exchange last year.

its 68% ownership in Comshare, Ltd., for 500,000 shares of Comshare, Inc.'s common stock, with an option to purchase an additional 100,000 shares at \$16.50 per share. Comshare, Inc. will also make an offer to acquire the interests of shareholders who own the remaining portion of Comshare, Ltd.

Richard L. Crandall, Comcompany reported. In addi- share, Inc. president, said that tion, the arrangement will in- all international Comshare crease Comshare's holdings in companies are expected to produce more than \$44 million in revenue for fiscal 1978 Under the terms of the agree- compared with \$30 million





### Riads Solidly Implanted in Comecon Nations

By Bohdan O. Szuprowicz Special to CW

World attention has been focusing recently on the continuing military buildup by the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies, so it seems like a good time to review the latest developments in the art of building and deploying computers by members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Comecon) - the East European communist nations plus Mongolia.

The 1978 Leipzig trade fair, recognized as the major annual event during which Comecon's most advanced DP achievements are on display, closed only a few weeks ago, and this adds to the timeliness of such a survey.

While the new Soviet Riad computers are basically all third-generation machines with more pronounced use of MOS semiconductor memory and the introduction of MSI TTL technology in some models, their maximum operating speeds are relatively low. The top-of-the-line model is still the EC-1060, now apparently renumbered as EC-1065, which was originally announced as part of the first was not even tested until December 1976.

Not until August 1977 did the Soviets announce the EC-1060 in serial production. So far, however, no installations have been identified.

Nevertheless, we recently learned the EC-1060 has a memory that ranges from 2M ity is claimed to equal that of about 100 of the Minsk-32 computers. There are also some indications it may be destined to become a local time-sharing workhorse for Soviet service bureaus.

In a recent assessment of the future plans of the computer

industry published in East Germany, Soviet'economist'T. Degtyareva discussed work in progress on a fourth generation of Soviet computers that will have operating speeds in the order of a few hundred million - and possibly even a few thousand million - operation/sec. The largest fourth-generation machinesare also reported to have overall storage capacity of about 10M bytes.

Experiments on a fifth generation of Soviet computers based on optoelectronics, such as lasers, LEDs, light conductors and photo cells, are also claimed to be under way in laboratories.

So far the schedule for the long-awaited BESM-10 prototype with but a 12.5 million operation/sec design speed has slipped again - to 1980 although some Soviet sources keep hinting that a true Soviet 'supercomputer" with speeds in the range of 50 million to 120 million operation/sec may also become operational in that year.

As far as the Comecon user is concerned, he still has to rely on the Riad machines that range in performance between Riad generation in 1971, but IBM 370/138 and IBM 360/68 to 75 models. Given the abundance of IBM applications software that will run under Riad operating systems, however, this may not be so bad a predicament as first appears to a Western observer.

The winner of the original Riad series and still in production is undoubtedly Roboto 8M bytes and its productiv- tron's EC-1040, which is produced in East Germany and ready market within the Warhas been rated at 1.2 to 1.5 times the speed of a comparable IBM 370/145. Last October, the Soviet and Comecon press made much of the fact that the 60th EC-1040 exported to the Soviet Union gary and Bulgaria. Elsewhere,

saw Pact military establishments.

Besides exports of EC-1040s to the Soviet Union, Robotron sold many of those systems to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hunrated at 450,000 operation/sec and uses MOS technology. It will have 16M bytes of virtual memory, the first in a Comecon computer, and a maximum of 2M bytes of storage.

When one considers the EC-1012 and now EC-1015 from Hungary; the EC-1022, the EC-1033, EC-1035 and EC-1050 from the USSR; the EC-1032 and EC-1045 from Poland; and the EC-1020, previously made in the USSR and Bulgaria, suddenly one realizes several thousand IBM 360 and 370 program-compatible systems may be operating in Comecon countries. This in itself is creating new opportunities for sales of Western peripherals and software packages perhaps even greater in value than the original hardware market of previous years. The Riads are in.

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was installed in time to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Soviet revolution.

Robotron's Elektronik Division plant, responsible for the manufacture of the EC-1040, was awarded a special title as an "Enterprise of Excellent Quality Craftsmanship," which allows it to put the coveted "Q" mark on their prod-

The Soviet Union so far is the largest buyer of EC-1040 computers outside of East Germany and has been importing these machines since 1974. Interestingly, the latest EC-1040 installed in the Soviet Union went to Tatneft, an oil production enterprise in the Tatar Autonomous Soviet Republic. It became the eighth EC-1040 operating in the Soviet petroleum industry.

Another three EC-1040s are in use at the Dubna Nuclear Research of the USSR.

.These prestigious and strategic EC-1040 installations in the Soviet Union give us some idea of their significance within the Riad manufacturing program. It may well be that the EC-1040 also has a

two EC-1040s were sold to Iraq and one each to Yugoslavia, India, Cuba, the U.S. and reportedly even to the People's Republic of China.

The EC-1040 is such a success that apparently it will continue in production for some years to come, even though Robotron has already announced its EC-1055 model, scheduled to go into produc-tion in 1979. That machine is



### Contracts

Recognition Equipment, Inc. has received a contract from the Social Security Administration for the lease of six Input 80 systems with a purchase value of \$7.3 million. Payments under the lease of the six systems over the fiveyear life of the contract would total approximately \$9 million, including related softand maintenance ware charges.

Bunker Ramo Corp.'s Electronic Systems Division has received from the Rome Air Development Center, Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y., a \$15.1-million contract with an option for an additional \$5 million. This contract is for the design, engineering and production of 37 AN/GYQ-21(V) DP systems to be delivered to Department of Defense facilities in the U.S. and

Canada Systems Group has been awarded a three-year agreement by Domestic Canada Ltd. of Oakville utilizing

the MSA Accounts Receivable and General Ledger application products. The value of the contract is approximately \$90,000.

Scott Paper Co. and Sun Information Services Co. have signed a contract for Scott's use of Sungard, a proposed backup and recovery capability designed by Sun for largescale IBM system users.

NMF, Inc. has signed longterm agreements to provide computerized trust accounting services to six banks: First National Bank of Venice, Fla.; First National Bank of Missoula, Mont.; Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank in Chicago, Ill.; First Hardin National Bank of Elizabethtown, Ky.; Third National Bank of Ashland, Ky.; and the Baker-Boyer in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Data Tech Division of Penril Corp. has been awarded a contract from Ferranti Ltd. of England for nonvolatile ferrite core memory systems. The contract is valued at more than \$550,000.

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### Dealer Nets Advised for Small Systems Area

BURLINGAME, Calif. - Suppliers of small business systems should follow the example of the automobile industry in organizing for future expansion, according to the president of one of the nation's fastest growing suppliers of such systems.

Dealership networks composed of small, locally entrenched entrepreneurs who fully understand their responsibility for success and failure in a local market are what made automobile companies successful. And that same approach is what will make small business system suppliers successful," Joseph A. Walsh, president of Shasta General Systems, said.

Where would Ford or Chevrolet be today if it had to recruit and motivate thousands of managers, each with the

commitment to selling, administering, financing and developing a local branch sales office?" Walsh asked.

#### Three Elements Needed

In establishing a dealership network, small business equipment suppliers must provide three specific levels of support in addition to a product that is technically very competitive, Walsh

The first is a confidence-inspiring brand-name product. Shasta, Walsh noted, is the exclusive U.S. distributor for the Diablo 3200 system, manufactured by Diablo Systems, Inc., a Xerox company.

The supplier must also provide application systems for specific market needs. Those systems must be thoroughly proven and virtually turnkey when installed.

A third prerequisite is the creation of a financing support structure with terms, conditions and financing techniques that allow the dealer to market products aggressively with minimal negative impact on his cash reserves and cash flow.

"With these three factors working for him, the knowledgeable dealer will be able to create a sales, service, maintenance and customer support program in his local market that a national company working under traditional support overhead constraints could never provide," Walsh claimed.

In particular, totally workable software that is packaged and distributed on a continuing basis is the dealer's

key entry into new accounts, Walsh said.

For its dealers, Shasta provides two types of software support with its Diablo 3200 hardware. Systems software, including disk operating systems, system utilities, compilers and file handling routines, is provided with every system. In addition, a library of proven, documented applications software systems is made available in two forms: fully documented application systems designed and developed by Shasta and packaged for easy demonstration and installation by the dealer; and applications developed by dealers which are catalogued and written up by Shasta and then redistributed throughout the dealership network.

Shasta currently offers 15 systems to its dealers, more than half of which are its own complete systems. "We are releasing major applications systems into the dealership network each month; and we expect that rate to increase as more accounts develop new applica-

tions," he said.

Among the applications systems Shasta currently offers to its dealer networks are order entry, billing, sales analysis, inventory reporting, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, general ledger, financial reporting, accountant client reporting, medical managmenet systems for group practices, job accounting and bill of material/manufacturing management systems.

#### Volume to Triple

Walsh's company, which he describes as a "value-added" distributorship, has grown more than \$5 million in value of equipment shipped in the past nine months by cultivating and supporting a dealership network that currently covers 40 metropolitan markets and consists of 32 separate dealers.

Shasta dealers, he said, have been actively marketing less than an average of four months because of the growth and development phase the company has been in throughout 1977. "We expect our volume to increase threefold to over \$16 million in 1978," Walsh

predicted. The typical Shasta dealer, Walsh noted, has nearly 10 years experience in selling and installing end-user computer products or services, tends to be well-known and highly respected in his local market and has a financially strong position.

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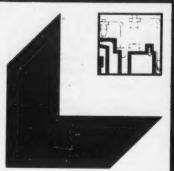
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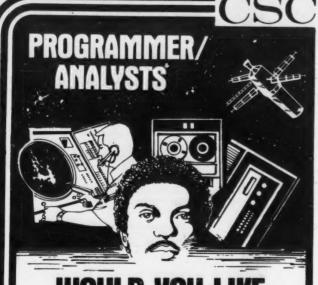


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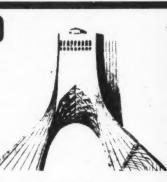


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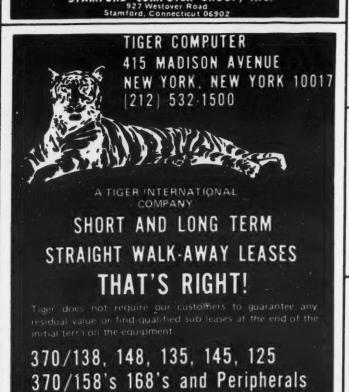
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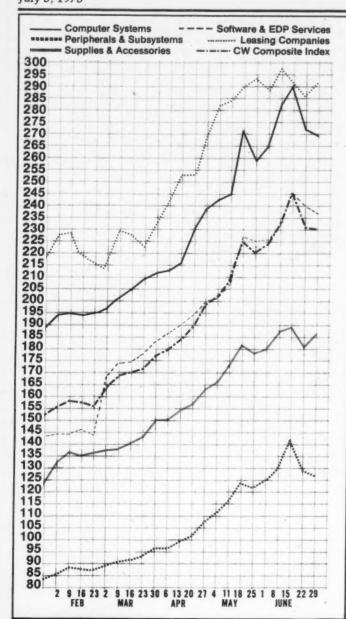
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N	BURROUGHS CORP	55- 91	72	-1 1/4	-4.4	0	ANACOMP INC	7- 20	17 1/4	- 1/8	-0.7	0		6- 17	14 3/4	- 1/4	
C	COMPUTER AUTOMATION	18- 38	33	0	0.0	A	APPLIED DATA RES.	5- 16	14 5/8	+ 1/8	+0.8	A	DATA PRODUCTS CORP	9- 24		+ 1/4	
N	CONTROL DATA CORP	20- 36	33 1/8	+ 1/4	+0.7	N	AUTOMATIC DATA PROC	23- 34	30 3/4	- 3/4	-2.3	0	DATA TECHNOLOGY DATUM INC	3- 4	4 1/4	+ 1/8	
N	DATA GENERAL CORP	35- 61	54 1/2	+3 1/4	+8.7	0	COLEMAN AMERICAN COS COMPU-SERV NETWORK	7- 15	9 3/4	- 1/4	-2.5	1 0	DECISION DATA COMPUT	2- 4	3 3/8	- 1/4	-6.
N	DATAPOINT CORP	18- 64	57 1/2	-1	-1.7	ő	COMP ELECTION SYSTMS	6- 10	9	- 1/4	-2.7	0	DELTA DATA SYSTEMS	1- 1	5/8	0	0.
N	DIGITAL EQUIPMENT	37- 53	46 7/8	- 7/8	-1.8	0	COMPUTER HORIZONS	1- 4	4 1 /2	+ 1/2	+12.5	A	DOCUMATION INC	6- 24		+1 5/8	+7.
N	ELECTRONIC ASSOC.	2- 8	6	- 3/4	-11.1	C	COMPUTER NETWORK	6- 12	10 5/8	- 3/4	-6.5	0	DATARAM CORP	2- 24	18 3/4	+ 3/4	-4.
0	ELECTRONIC ENGINEER. FOUR-PHASE SYSTEMS	8- 19	28 3/8	-1 - 5/8	-5.4	N	COMPUTER SCIENCES COMPUTER TASK GROUP	7- 13	3 1/4	- 3/8	0.0	1 0	FABRI-TEK	1- 2	1 5/8	- 1/4	-3.
N	FOXBORO	28- 54	36 1/2	0	0.0	Ö	COMPUTER USAGE	1- 4	2 5/8	0	0.0	0	GENERAL COMPUTER SYS	0- 2	1 3/8	- 1/8	-8.
0.	GENERAL AUTOMATION	6- 19	16 3/4	- 7/8	-4.9	O	COMSHARE	5- 17	13	-1 1/4	-8.7	N	HAZELTINE CORP	8- 16	13 1/2	- 3/4	-5.
0	GRI COMPUTER CORP	1- 1	1 5/8	0	0.0	0	DATA DIMENSIONS INC	3- 7	5 1/2	- 3/4	-12.0	N	HARRIS CORP	28- 61	8 1/8	+ 1/8	+0-
N	HEWLETT-PACKARD CO	62- 87	80 1/4 55 5/8	+1	+1.2	0	DATATAB	1- 2	1 7/0	0	0.0	0	INFOREX INC INFORMATION INTL INC	4- 10 8- 14	8 3/4	- 1/2	-5.
N	TOM	236-286	261 3/4	-6 1/4	-2.3	N	ELECTRONIC DATA SYS. INSYTE CORP	2- 3	19 7/8	+1 1/8	+6.0	lő	INTEL CORP	38- 62	57	3	0.0
C	MANAGEMENT ASSIST	5- 18	15	+ 3/4	+5.2	C	IPS COMPUTER MARKET.	1- 2	2 3/8	0	0.0	A	LUNDY ELECTRONICS	3- 6	3 5/8	+ 1/8	+3.5
0	MICRODATA CORP	7- 18	16 1/8	-1	-5.8	0	KEANE ASSOCIATES	3- 6	5 5/8	+ 1/8	+2.2	0	MSI DATA CORP	6- 17	15 3/4	-1	-5.
0	MINI-COMPUTER SYST	5- 12	5	- 1/4	-4.7	0	KEYDATA CORP	1- 3	2 3/8	- 1/8	-5.0	N	MEMOREX	23- 49	45 1/2	+4 3/8	+10.4
0	MODULAR COMPUTER SYS	5- 15	13 1/8	+ 3/8	+2.9	A	LOGICON	7- 17	11 1/8	-1 1/8	-9.1	N	MOHAWK DATA SCI	5- 12	10	0	0.0
N	NCR	32- 58	54 1/8	+ 1/8	+0.2	A	MANAGEMENT DATA	1- 2	1 1/8	0	0.0	0	PENRIL CORP	2- 12	8 7/8	- 7/8	-8.9
C	PRIME COMPUTER INC	12- 32	29 3/4	+1 1/2	+5.3	A	NATIONAL CSS INC	10- 28	25 1/2	+1 1/2	+6.2	N	PERTEC CORP	7- 14	10 7/8	- 1/8	-1.1
N	PERKIN-ELMER	17- 26	23	- 3/8	-1.6	0	NATIONAL DATA CORP	4- 12	10 1/4	- 3/8	-3.5	A	POTTER INSTRUMENT PRECISION INST.	2- 2	1 3/4	0	0.0
N	SPERRY RAND	16- 50 30- 45	47	+3	0.0	A	ON LINE SYSTEMS INC PLANNING RESEARCH	16- 26 3- 8	7 3/8	+ 1/8	0.0	0	QUANT OR CORP	2- 5	2 1/2	+ 1/8	+5.2
0	SYCOR INC	8- 24	23 1/2	0	0.0	0	PROGRAMMING & SYS	1- 1	3/4	0	0.0	ŏ	RECOGNITION EQUIP	6- 12	10 3/4	- 3/8	-3.3
A	SYSTEMS ENG. LABS	5- 21	17 5/8	- 1/2	-2.7	0	RAPIDATA INC	2- 6	4 3/4	- 1/4	-5.0	0	S CAN DATA	1- 4	3	- 1/8	-4.0
A	WANG LABS.	10- 26	22 7/8	+ 1/4	+1.1	0	REYNOLDS & REYNOLD	17- 28	26 1/4	+ 3/4	+2.9	N	STORAGE TECHNOLOGY	10- 46	20	-1 1/4	-5.8
						0	SCIENTIFIC COMPUTERS	1- 6	. 5	- 1/8	-2.4	0	T BAR INC	7- 19	7 1/8	- 1/4	-1.4
						A	TYMSHARE INC	14- 27	6 1/2	- 1/4	-1.0	Ä	TEC INC	6- 10	10	+ 3/4	+8.1
						N	WYLY CORP	1- 5	4	+ 1/8	+3.2	N	TEKTRONIX INC	29- 45	40 5/8	- 7/8	-2.1
						111						N	TELEX	2- 7	5 1/2	+ 1/4	+4.7
	LEAS	ING COMPA	NIES				PERIPHE	RALS & SUE	SYSTEMS			0	TESDATA SYSTEMS CP WILTER INC	13- 20	1 3/8	-1 1/2 + 1/8	+ 10-0
0	AL ANTHUS CORP	3- 6	5 1/8	+ 1/8	+2.5	N	ADDRESSOGRAPH-MULT	10- 25	20 7/8	-2 3/4	-11.6	1					
0	BOOTHE COURTER CORP	8- 18	15 1/4	+ 1/8	+0 -8	0	ADVANCED MEHORY SYS	7- 14	13	+ 3/8	+2.9						
0	COMDISCO INC	9- 20	16 3/4	+ 1/4	+1.5	N	AMPEX CORP ANDERSON JACOBSON	8- 17	7 1/8	- 1/2	-3.4		SUPPL I	ES & ACCES	SSORIES		
A	COMMERCE GROUP CORP	1- 3	1 1/8	0	0.0	N	APPLIED DIG DATA SYS	10- 20	14 7/8	-1 1/8	-7.0	A	AMERICAN BUS PRODS	6- 9	9 1/4	+1	+12.1
M	DATRONIC RENTAL	1- 2	1 1/2	0	0.0	0	BEEHIVE INT'L	4- 12	4 1/2	+ 1/4	+5.8	0	EALTIMORE BUS FORMS	1- 5	4 1/4	- 1/4	-5.5
A	DCL INC	1- 4	4	+ 3/4	+23.0	A	BOLT. BERANEK & NEW	6- 11	8 5/8	- 5/8	-6.7	A	BARRY WEIGHT	10- 28	22 7/8	+ 7/8	+3.9
N	DPF INC	6- 13	10 1/2	- 1/4	-2.3	N	BUNKER-RAND	8- 18	16 1/8	+ 1/8	+0.7	0	CYBERMATICS INC	1- 1	1 3/8	+ 1/4	+22.2
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C	LEASPAC CORP	1- 2	2 5/8	+ 1/4	+10.5		CENTRONICS DATA COMP	16- 30	26 7/8	- 1/2	-1.8	N	3M COMPANY	43- 57	54 1/2	- 3/8	-0.6
A	PICNEER TEX CORP	5- 11	5 7/8	- 1/2	-7.8		COGNITRONICS	1- 4	3 1/2	+ 1/2	+16.6	0	MOORE CORP LTD	24- 37	33 1/4	0	0.0
N	U.S. LEASING	10- 16	14 3/8	- 1/4	-1.7		COMPUTER COMMUN.	5- 10	8 5/8	- 3/8	-4.1	N	NASHUA CORP	16- 31	26 1/4	- 1/4	-0.9
						0	COMPUTER CONSOLES COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2- 6	7 1/2	- 3/4	-9.0 -15.7	0	TAB PRODUCTS CO	18- 26 5- 13	22 1/2	+1 1/2	+7.1
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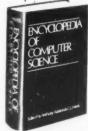
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